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ADDRESS

We recommend this book, the Manual, to our people for careful and conscientious study, as it contains the doctrines and laws of our church. In the study of this book you will find a short history of the origin and growth of the church, a clear and concise statement of doctrine, and the laws by which we consent to be governed — all of which have been simply and conveniently arranged.

This Manual has been formed by representative bodies of godly and consecrated men and women sitting in General Assembly, who have carefully and prayerfully sought the promotion of the kingdom of God, without regard to personal interests, which fact gives weight to the contents of this volume.

The reading and study of this Manual and of the Manuals published by other General Assemblies will reveal the fact that no changes have been made in our doctrines at any time. We sincerely hope and believe that none will ever be made, as these doctrines are founded upon the revealed Word, which abides unchangeable for ever.

You will discover that a few minor changes have been made by the Sixth General Assembly in the laws of the church, changes deemed wise and profit-

able after four years of practical experience in the operation of the church under the laws passed by the preceding General Assembly. The fundamental principles of our government remain the same. The laws founded upon these principles may from time to time undergo adjustments, but the principles underlying these laws must ever be the same. We are not purely episcopal in form of government, nor wholly congregational; but we are representative in form of government, giving the laity and ministry equal authority in all deliberative bodies. With this principle there will be no interference.

Our church has an evident and well defined commission from God, namely, to propagate the gospel throughout the world, seeking the conversion of sinners, the reclamation of backsliders, the sanctification of believers, especially emphasizing the precious doctrine of full salvation. We have an objective, but this objective is not to have an existence merely for the sake of an existence. Our purpose lies outside of ourselves. It is to evangelize and conserve the results obtained. This we believe can be done best through a well organized church movement. It is true, holiness does not need to be organized; but it can be promoted and conserved effectively only through organization.

We sincerely urge our people everywhere to study the doctrines and laws contained in this book until they become thoroughly acquainted with them —that the principles contained herein may master

their affections and be a foundation for their conduct. We urge loyalty to our principles, interests, and institutions. Study of our laws and doctrines will create love for them, and love will result in genuine loyalty and faithfulness. Love and loyalty will greatly increase our efficiency and usefulness under the leadership of the Holy Ghost. Solidarity of support and effort in service with faith in God will yield gracious returns this quadrennium.

With loyalty to His cause, and faith in Jesus Christ,

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General Superintendents.

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PART I

HISTORICAL STATEMENT

HISTORICAL STATEMENT

¶ **1**. Near the close of the nineteenth century, a movement for the spread and conservation of Scriptural Holiness, corresponding somewhat to that historically known as the Wesleyan revival of the previous century, developed, almost simultaneously, in various parts of the United States — everywhere with a spontaneous drawing, in the unity of the Spirit, toward closer affiliation of those of like precious faith, and finally culminating in the organization of the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene.

The great impulse of this movement has been the emphasis placed by the Scriptures upon the fact that, in the atonement, Jesus Christ has made provision not only to save men from their sins, but also to perfect them in love.

¶ **2**. In January, 1894, William Howard Hoople, a business man in New York City, founded a mission in Brooklyn, which, in the following May, was organized as an independent church, with a membership of thirty-two, and called "Utica Avenue Pentecostal Tabernacle." A church edifice was afterward erected, and Mr. Hoople was called to the pastorate. The following February the Bedford Avenue Pentecostal Church was organized, in an abandoned church building, and a little later, the

Emmanuel Pentecostal Tabernacle. In December, 1895, delegates from these three churches formed the "Association of Pentecostal Churches of America," adopting a constitution, a summary of doctrines, and by-laws. This association was duly incorporated. Associated with Rev. William Howard Hoople in this work were: Rev. H. B. Hosley, Rev. John Norberry, Rev. Charles BeVier, and Rev. H. F. Reynolds.

¶ 3. In the meantime, several independent churches had been organized for the same purpose in New England, and a ministerial organization had been effected, known as the Central Evangelical Holiness Association. Prominently connected with this work were Rev. F. A. Hillery, Rev. C. Howard Davis, and Rev. F. L. Sprague. In November, 1896, upon invitation of the Association of Pentecostal Churches of America, a joint committee of these two associations and other independent churches met in the city of Brooklyn, New York. This meeting resulted in several of these churches uniting with the Association of Pentecostal Churches of America.

¶ 4. In October, 1895, a number of persons, under the leadership of Rev. Phineas F. Bresee, D.D., and Rev. J. P. Widney, LL.D., formed the First Church of the Nazarene, at Los Angeles, California, with one hundred and thirty-five charter members. They adopted statements of belief, and agreed to such general rules as seemed proper and

needful for their immediate guidance, leaving to the future the making of such provisions as the work and its conditions might necessitate. As a result of this organization, a number of churches sprang into existence, reaching as far east as Chicago.

¶ 5. As these two bodies came to know more of each other, it was felt that they should unite; and, after consultation by delegates from one body to the other, the following basis of union was prepared and unanimously adopted by both bodies. The first union Assembly was held in Chicago, in October, 1907.

¶ 6. Basis of Union

It is agreed that the two churches are one in the doctrines considered essential to salvation, especially the doctrines of justification by faith and entire sanctification subsequent to justification, also by faith, and, as a result, the precious experience of entire sanctification as a normal condition of the churches. Both churches recognize that the right of church membership rests upon experience; and that persons who have been born of the Spirit are entitled to its privileges.

We are agreed on the necessity of a superintendency, which shall foster and care for churches already established, and whose duty it shall be to organize and encourage the organizing of churches everywhere.

We are agreed that authority given to superintendents shall not interfere with the independent action of a fully-organized church, each church enjoying the right of selecting its own pastor, subject to such approval as the General Assembly shall find wise to institute; the election of delegates to the various assemblies; the management of their own finances; and of all other things pertaining to their local life and work.

It is agreed that any church of the Association of Pentecostal Churches of America going into this organization which may feel it imperative with them to continue to hold their property in like manner as at present, shall be at liberty to do so.

It was agreed that the name of the united body should be, "The Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene."

¶ 7. In 1894, the first organization of the Church of Christ was effected by Rev. R. L. Harris, at Milan, Tennessee, with fourteen members. This church was deemed necessary to conserve the work of Holiness, and soon spread throughout Western Texas and Arkansas. Prominent among the leaders was Mrs. Mary Lee Harris (*now* Mrs. Cagle), the wife of Rev. R. L. Harris, who took up the work after the death of her husband.

¶ 8. In 1898, the first Holiness churches were organized in Texas, by Rev. Thomas Rogers and Rev. Dennis Rogers, who came from California.

¶ 9. In 1900, the first Independent Church of Christ was organized, by Rev. C. B. Jernigan, at Van Alstyne, Texas, and the denomination grew and prospered until, in 1903, there were twenty church organizations.

¶ 10. In 1904, at Rising Star, Texas, the Independent Holiness Church and the Church of Christ were united in one body, called the Holiness Church of Christ.

¶ 11. At the General Assembly of the Pente-

costal Church of the Nazarene, at Chicago, in 1907, n response to an invitation, several persons were present from the Holiness Church of Christ. Some of these were appointed to attend; but were not authorized to take any action with reference to organic union. The Assembly invited them into council, and provisional arrangements were made for incorporating this Church into the general body, upon proper action on their part; and this was finally consummated in the meeting of the General Assembly, at Pilot Point, Texas, October 8, 1908.

¶ **12**. In the year 1898, Rev. J. O. McClurkan nd a few of God's children called a meeting of the Holiness people of Tennessee and adjacent states to e held in Nashville. At this convention an association was formed known as the Pentecostal Alliance, which name was afterward changed to the Pentecostal Mission. From the beginning these eople were evangelistic in spirit, having a burning esire to disseminate the doctrine and experience f sanctification; hence there came together in different sections of the Southland groups of Holiness eople, known as bands of the Pentecostal Mission. They were decidedly missionary in spirit, and soon ere sending their representatives to "the regions eyond." Throughout their career they have been haracterized by this missionary zeal.

At different times the question of the union of he Pentecostal Mission with the Pentecostal hurch of the Nazarene had been discussed, and

on February 13, 1915, this union was effected at Nashville, Tennessee, thus uniting both the home and the foreign work of the Pentecostal Mission and the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene.

¶ 13. In November, 1901, the first stage in the present Holiness Church Movement in the British Isles began, when the Rev. George Sharpe, who had been for thirteen and one-half years a preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church, accepted a call to the Congregational Church at Ardrossan, Scotland. In September, 1905, he was accepted as the minister of Parkhead Congregational Church, Glasgow, where, after a strenuous, successful, and glorious ministry of thirteen months, he was evicted for preaching Bible holiness.

On September 30, 1906, the first services of the first distinctively holiness church were held in the Great Eastern Roads Hall, Glasgow. The charter members numbered eighty. Other churches were organized and became the Pentecostal Church of Scotland. Visits of Dr. E. F. Walker and Dr. H. F. Reynolds to Scotland, and a visit of Rev. George Sharpe and Mrs. Sharpe to the Fourth General Assembly, at Kansas City, Missouri, led the way to union with the Church of the Nazarene, which was consummated in November, 1915.

¶ 14. The General Assembly of 1919, in response to memorials from thirty-five District Assemblies, changed the name of the organization to "Church of the Nazarene."

PART II

DOCTRINE

I. ARTICLES OF FAITH
II. THE CHURCH
III. THE GENERAL RULES
IV. SPECIAL ADVICES
V. THE MINISTER

CHAPTER I

ARTICLES OF FAITH

I. *Of the Triune God*

¶ 15. We believe in one eternally existent, infinite God, Sovereign of the universe. That He only is God, creative and administrative, holy in nature, attributes, and purpose. That He, as God, is Triune in essential being, revealed as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

II. *Of Christ, the Son of God*

¶ 16. The eternally existent Son, the Second Person of the adorable Trinity, is Divine. As the Son of God, He became incarnate by the Holy Spirit, being born of the Virgin Mary, thus uniting with Himself, inseparably, the divinely begotten Son of Man, called Jesus. So that two whole and perfect natures — that is to say, the Godhead and manhood — are thus united in one person, very God and very man.

We believe that Christ truly rose again from the dead, and took again His body, with all things appertaining to the perfection of man's nature, wherewith He ascended into heaven, and there is engaged in intercession at the right hand of the Father until He shall come again.

III. *The Holy Spirit*

¶ 17. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Godhead, ever present and efficiently active in and with the Church of Christ, convincing the world of sin, regenerating those who repent and believe, sanctifying believers, and guiding into all truth as it is in Jesus.

IV. *The Holy Scriptures*

¶ 18. By the Holy Scriptures we understand the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, given by Divine inspiration, revealing the will of God concerning us in all things necessary to our salvation; so that whatever is not contained therein is not to be enjoined as an article of faith.

V. *Original Sin or Depravity*

¶ 19. Original sin, or depravity, is that corruption of the nature of all offspring of Adam, by reason of which every one is very far gone from original righteousness, or the pure state of our first parents at the time of their creation, is averse to God, is without spiritual life, and is inclined to evil, and that continually. In the Scriptures it is designated as "the carnal mind," "our old man," "the flesh," "sin that dwelleth in me," and similar expressions. It continues to exist with the new life of the regenerate, until eradicated or destroyed by the baptism with the Holy Spirit.

VI. *Atonement*

¶ 20. We believe that the atonement made by

Jesus Christ through the shedding of His own blood for the remission of sins and the cleansing of the heart from all original sin, is the only ground of salvation, and is provided for every individual.

VII. *Free Will*

¶ 21. The condition of man after the fall of Adam is such that he can not turn and prepare himself, by his own natural strength and works, to faith, and calling upon God; wherefore we have no power to do good works, pleasing and acceptable to God, without the grace of God by Christ assisting us.

VIII. *Repentance*

¶ 22. Repentance is a sincere and thorough change of the mind in regard to sin, involving a sense of personal guilt and a voluntary turning from sin.

Repentance from sin and toward God is demanded of all who by act or attitude have become sinners against Him. Ability of will to repent is given all who know and deplore their guilt as sinners.

To all who will repent, the Spirit of God gives the gracious help of penitence of heart and hope of mercy, that they may believingly receive Christ as Lord and Savior, unto pardon and spiritual life.

IX. *Justification*

¶ 23. Justification is that gracious and judicial act of God by which He grants full pardon of all guilt and complete release from penalty of sins com-

mitted, to all who believingly receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. To all such He also grants acceptance as righteous through the merits of Jesus Christ.

X. *Regeneration*

¶ 24. Regeneration is the new birth of the soul, through the gracious work of God, whereby the moral nature of the repentant believer is spiritually quickened and given a distinctively spiritual life, capable of faith, obedience, and love. This work of regeneration is simultaneous with justification.

XI. *Entire Sanctification*

¶ 25. Entire sanctification is that act of God, subsequent to conversion, by which regenerate believers are made free from inbred sin, and brought into the state of entire devotement to God and the holy obedience of love made perfect. It is provided for through the precious blood of Jesus and is wrought instantaneously by the baptism with the Holy Spirit, the conditions being entire consecration and appropriating faith; and to this work and state of grace the Holy Spirit bears witness.

NOTE.—This experience is also known by various terms, representing its different phases, such as "Christian Perfection," "Perfect Love," "Heart Purity," "The Baptism with the Holy Spirit," "The Fulness of the Blessing," and "Christian Holiness." There is a marked distinction between a perfect heart and a perfect character. The former is obtained in an instant, but the latter is the result of growth in grace. It is one thing to have the heart all yielded to God and occupied by Him; it is quite another thing to have the entire character, in every detail, harmonize with His Spirit, and the life become "conformable to his image."

XII. *The Second Coming of Christ*

¶ 26. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ will return to judge the quick and the dead; that we who are alive at His coming shall not precede them that are asleep in Christ Jesus; but that, if we are abiding in Him, we shall be caught up with the risen saints to meet the Lord in the air, so that we shall ever be with the Lord.

We do not, however, regard the numerous theories that gather around this Bible doctrine as essential to salvation; and so we concede full liberty of belief among the members of the Church of the Nazarene.

XIII. *Resurrection*

¶ 27. The Scriptures say concerning this glorious consummation of the walk and warfare of the children of God: "We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed" (1 Corinthians 15: 51,52). "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent [precede] them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the

dead in Christ shall rise first; then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words" (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18). "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation" (John 5:28, 29).

XIV. *Destiny*

¶ **28**. Concerning all who savingly believe in and obediently follow Jesus Christ our Lord, everlasting and glorious life, with rewards of grace in heaven, are assured. The fuller rewards and the greater glories are reserved until the resurrection of the saints and the day of judgment. It is equally certain that persistence in sin and the rejection of Christ and salvation will involve everlasting punishment and misery for the finally impenitent sinner.

XV. *Baptism*

¶ **29**. Christian Baptism is a sacrament, or ordinance, signifying acceptance of the benefits of the atonement of Jesus Christ.

It is to be administered by ministers to believers as declarative of their faith in Him as their Savior, and full purpose of obedience in Holiness and Righteousness.

Baptism, being the symbol of the New Testament, young children may be baptized, upon request of parents or guardians, who shall give assurance for them of necessary Christian training.

Baptism may be administered by sprinkling, pouring, or immersion, according to the choice of the applicant.

In case a Pastor, when requested to administer baptism in a mode which he deems unscriptural, has conscientious scruples against so administering the ordinance, he shall not be required to do so; but he shall see that the candidate for baptism shall be baptized in the mode desired by the applicant.

XVI. *The Lord's Supper*

¶ 30. The Memorial and Communion Supper instituted by our Lord and Savior is essentially a New Testament ordinance. It is declarative of His sacrificial death, through the merits of which we, as believers, have life and salvation, and promise of all spiritual blessings in Christ.

It is distinctively for those who are prepared for reverent appreciation of its significance, and by it they show forth the Lord's death till He come again. Being the Communion feast, only those who have faith in Christ and love for the saints should be called to participate therein.

Of the obligation to partake of the privileges of this Sacrament as often as we may be providentially permitted, there can be no doubt.

CHAPTER II

THE CHURCH

I. The General Church

¶ 31. The Church of God is composed of all spiritually regenerate persons, whose names are written in heaven.

II. The Churches Severally

¶ 32. The churches severally are to be composed of such regenerate persons as by providential permission, and by the leadings of the Spirit, become associated together for holy fellowship and ministries.

III. The Church of the Nazarene

¶ 33. We seek holy Christian fellowship, the conversion of sinners, the entire sanctification of believers, and their upbuilding in holiness, together with the preaching of the Gospel to every creature. We also seek the simplicity and pentecostal power manifest in the primitive New Testament Church.

AGREED STATEMENT OF BELIEF

¶ 34, § 1. Recognizing that the right and privilege of persons to church membership rest upon the fact of their being regenerate, we would require only such avowals of belief as are essential to Christian experience.

Whatever is thus essential lies at the very basis

of their association and fellowship in the church, and there can be no failure to believe this without forfeiting Christian life itself, and thus the right of all church affiliation. That which is not essential to life in Christ Jesus may be left to individual liberty.

§ 2. We, therefore, deem belief in the following brief statements to be sufficient:

First. In one God — the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Second. In the Divine inspiration of the Old and New Testament Scriptures, and that they contain all truth necessary to faith and Christian living.

Third. That man is born with a fallen nature, and is therefore, inclined to evil, and that continually.

Fourth. That the finally impenitent are hopelessly and eternally lost.

Fifth. That the atonement through Christ is for the whole human race; and that whosoever repents and believes on the Lord Jesus Christ is justified and regenerated and saved from the dominion of sin.

Sixth. That believers are to be sanctified wholly, subsequent to conversion, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Seventh. That the Holy Spirit bears witness to the new birth, and also to the entire sanctification of believers.

Eighth. In the return of our Lord, in the resurrection of the dead, and in the final judgment.

CHAPTER III

THE GENERAL RULES

¶ 35. To be identified with the visible Church is the blessed privilege and sacred duty of all who are saved from their sins, and are seeking completeness in Christ Jesus. It is required of all who desire to unite with the Church of the Nazarene, and thus to walk in fellowship with us, that they shall show evidence of salvation from their sins by a godly walk and vital piety; that they shall earnestly desire to be cleansed from all inbred sin; and that they shall evidence this —

§ 1. By avoiding evil of every kind, such as:

(1) Taking the name of God in vain.

(2) The profaning of the Lord's Day, either by unnecessary labor or business, or patronage or reading of secular papers, or by holiday diversions.

(3) The use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, or trafficking therein. The giving influence to, or voting for, the licensing of places for the sale of same. The use of tobacco in any of its forms, or the trafficking therein.

(4) Quarreling, returning evil for evil, gossiping, slandering, spreading surmises injurious to the good name of others.

(5) Dishonesty, taking advantage in buying and selling, bearing false witness, and like works of darkness.

(6) The indulgence of pride in dress or behav-

ior. Our people are to dress with the Christian simplicity that becometh holiness. "In like manner also that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broidered hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; but (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works" (1 Timothy 2: 9, 10). "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price" (1 Peter 3: 3, 4).

(7) Such songs, literature, and entertainments as are not to the glory of God; the theater, the ballroom, the circus, and like places; also, lotteries and games of chance; looseness and impropriety of conduct; membership in or fellowship with oathbound, secret orders or fraternities. "Know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God" (James 4: 4). "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? . . . Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you" (2 Corinthians 6: 14,17).

§ 2. By doing that which is enjoined in the Word of God, which is both our rule of faith and practice, such as:

(1) Being courteous to all men.

(2) Contributing to the support of the Ministry and the Church and its work, according to the ability which God giveth.

(3) Being helpful to those who are of the household of faith, in love forbearing one another.

(4) Loving God with all the heart, soul, mind, and strength.

(5) Attending faithfully all the ordinances of God, and the means of grace, such as, the public worship of God, the ministry of the Word, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper; searching the Scriptures and meditating therein; family and private devotions.

(6) Seeking to do good to the bodies and souls of men; feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and ministering to the needy, as opportunity and ability are given.

(7) Pressing upon the attention of the unsaved the claims of the Gospel, inviting them to the house of the Lord, and trying to compass their salvation.

§ 3. It is expected of those who remain with us that they be in hearty fellowship, not inveighing against our doctrines and usages, but being in full sympathy and conformity therewith.

CHAPTER IV

SPECIAL ADVICES

I. Support of the Ministry

"Even so the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel" (I Corinthians 9 : 14).

¶ 36. § 1. Of the obligation of the Church to provide for the support of its Ministers, who by the call of God and under the directions of the Church give themselves wholly to the work of the Ministry, we are advised by the Lord, and as members of the Church we are voluntarily committed thereunto.

We advise, therefore, that weekly offerings be the usual method of this holy business, and that the tithing principle be chosen as best, if not also obligatory.

§ 2. For other matters of Christian pecuniary obligation and for works of benevolence, such free-will offerings as may be found necessary are advised.

II. Divine Healing

¶ 37. We believe in the Bible doctrine of Divine Healing, and urge our people to seek to offer the prayer of faith for the healing of the sick. Providential means and agencies, when necessary, are not to be refused.

III. Temperance and Prohibition

¶ 38, § 1. The Holy Scriptures and human experience alike condemn the use, as a beverage, of intoxicating drinks. The manufacture and sale of

such liquors for such purposes is sin against God and the human race. Total abstinence from all intoxicants is the Christian rule for the individual, and total prohibition of the traffic is the duty of civil government. It can not be licensed without sin, and voters are largely responsible for the acts of the government. No voter can vote for license, or for a party favoring it, without becoming a partaker of this crime against humanity. To rent or lease property to be used for such business, or to be a bondsman for persons engaged in the traffic of intoxicating drinks, can but be considered a misdemeanor.

§ 2. Only unfermented wine is to be used in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

IV. Marriage

¶ 39. The institution of Marriage, being ordained of God, is the basis of the family, the cornerstone of our Christian civilization, and an essential component of the Church of Christ. Our blessed religion, morality, and free institutions are all closely related to it. We should cherish it in our thought as a sacred estate, and deliberation and prayer should precede any step in the matter. Christians should marry only in the Lord, and "be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers" in this most intimate and sacred relation.

V. Divorce

¶ 40, § 1. We hold that persons who have

been divorced by civil law, where Scriptural grounds for divorce did not exist, and have subsequently remarried, are living in adultery, and are unworthy of membership in the church; and though there may exist such other causes and conditions as may justify one party in seeking legal separation, yet only the Biblical cause for divorce (namely, adultery) will supply such moral grounds as may justify the innocent party in remarrying.

§ 2. The Ministers of this Church are positively forbidden to solemnize the marriage of persons not having the Scriptural right to marry.

VI. Church Officers

¶ 41. We advise our Churches in selecting their Church officers to elect only such as are clearly in the experience of entire sanctification.

CHAPTER V

THE MINISTER

¶ 42, § 1. The perpetuity and the efficiency of the Church of the Nazarene, as an evangelizing agency, largely, if not wholly, depend upon the spiritual qualifications, the character, and the manner of life of its Ministry.

§ 2. The Minister of Christ is to be in all things a pattern to the flock — in diligence, earnestness, discretion, punctuality. "By pureness, by knowl-

edge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by love unfeigned, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left."

§ 3. A Minister of the Gospel in the Church of the Nazarene must know that he has peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, and that he is sanctified wholly by the baptism with the Holy Spirit. He must have a deep sense of the fact that souls for whom Christ died are perishing, and that he is called of God to proclaim to them the glad tidings of salvation. As our Lord "called to him whom he would," and chose and ordained His twelve Apostles "that they might be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach," so He doth still call and send forth messengers of the Gospel. The Church, illuminated by the Holy Spirit, will recognize the Spirit's call.

§ 4. A Minister must have gifts, as well as grace, for the work. He will have a thirst for knowledge, especially of the Word of God; sound judgment and good understanding; clear views concerning the plan of redemption and salvation as revealed in the Scriptures. Saints will be edified and sinners converted through his ministry. He must be an example of prayer.

§ 5. When the Church discovers the Divine call, the proper steps should be taken for its recognition and indorsement, and all suitable help should be given to open the way into the Ministry.

PART III

GOVERNMENT

I. THE LOCAL CHURCH
II. THE DISTRICT ASSEMBLY
III. THE MINISTRY
IV. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

CHAPTER 1

PREAMBLE

¶ 43, § 1. All life must have law; all organization must have government. He who is Head over all things unto the Church himself gave form and order unto His body of followers and representatives. We seek as a Church to conform to principles of government in accord with the Holy Scriptures and Divine providences, that all things may be done scripturally, decently, and in order.

§ 2. The government of our Church is representative, thus avoiding the extremes of episcopacy on the one hand, and unlimited congregationalism on the other.

THE LOCAL CHURCH

I. Membership

¶ 44. The membership of the local Church shall consist of all who have been organized as a Church by those authorized so to do, and all who have been publicly received by the Pastor, after having declared their experience of salvation and their belief in our doctrines, and their willingness to submit to our government.

II. Probationary Membership

¶ 45. Any local Church may, through its Board, establish a probationary system of membership; but probationers must not be counted as full members.

¶ 46. Probationers shall have all the privileges of church membership, with the exception of voting and holding church office.

¶ 47. Probationers may be received into full membership or dropped at any time, at the discretion of the Pastor and Church Membership Committee.

III. Church Membership Committee

¶ 48. The Church Board shall provide a Committee on Church Membership of from three to five persons whose duties shall be: § 1. To seek out those who seem desirable as members, and to recommend them to the Pastor.

§ 2. To act in the capacity of an advisory committee with the Pastor as chairman, for the examination of prospective members according to the doctrines and rules of the Church of the Nazarene.

IV. Church Letters

¶ 49. The Pastor may, when requested by a member, grant a certificate of church standing and transfer, or a letter of dismissal to any evangelical church that may be named; such letter to be good for three months only.

¶ 50. Members of local churches, on remov-

ing their places of residence, are required to report to their Pastor at least once in six months. Upon failure so to do, their names may be removed from the church-roll by the action of the Church Board; and the Pastor shall write opposite their names: "Removed without letter."

V. Church Meetings

¶ 51. Meetings of the full members of the local Church, for conference or the transaction of business, may be called at any time by the Pastor or the Church Board, due public notice of the same always being given a reasonable time prior.

¶ 52. Each Church meeting shall provide a secretary, who shall record correctly the Minutes of such meeting, turning over the same to the secretary of the Church Board for preservation. [¶ 99 § 5.]

¶ 53. Within a month prior to the District Assembly there shall be held for each local Church an annual meeting of the full members.

¶ 54. At this annual meeting the Pastor, the District Superintendent, or the General Superintendent having jurisdiction, or some one representing such, shall preside.

¶ 55. At this meeting reports shall be given by the Pastor, the Sunday School Superintendents, the Presidents of the Nazarene Young People's Societies, the Deaconesses, the Local Preachers, the Stewards, the Trustees, and the Secretary and the Treasurer of the Church Board.

¶ 56. At this meeting there shall be an election, by ballot, of the Stewards and the Trustees of the Church, to serve until the close of the ensuing Assembly year.

¶ 57. At this meeting there shall be an election, by ballot, of lay delegates to the District Assembly, on the basis of representation fixed by the General Assembly, as indicated in ¶ 123.

¶ 58. Any business in harmony with the spirit and order of the Church, and not otherwise provided for, may be transacted at any Church meeting.

VI. The Pastor

¶ 59. A Pastor is a person who, under the call of God and His people, has the oversight of a local Church. The duties of the Pastor are:

§ 1. To preach the Word.

§ 2. To administer the Sacraments in harmony with ¶ ¶ 63, 173, 175.

§ 3. To care for the people by pastoral visitation — particularly of the sick and needy.

§ 4. To comfort those who mourn.

§ 5. To reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with all longsuffering and doctrine.

§ 6. To seek, by all means, the conversion of sinners, the sanctification of the converted, and the upbuilding of God's people in their most holy faith.

§ 7. To have the care of all departments of local Church work.

¶ 60. The Pastor is, *ex-officio,* President of the

Church, Chairman of the Church Board, and head of the Sunday School, the Nazarene Young People's Societies, and all other subsidiary organizations in connection with the Church.

¶ 61. When a member of a local Church removes to another locality, the Pastor shall notify the Pastor of the Church nearest to the locality, giving the name and address (if known) of the member who has moved.

¶ 62. The Pastor shall take an offering in the Church, within a year prior to the General Assembly, for the expenses and entertainment of the General Assembly, such offering to be immediately forwarded to the General Treasurer.

¶ 63. The Pastor shall administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at least once a quarter. If a Licensed Minister, and failing to pass the prescribed course of study, he shall arrange such administration by an Elder.

¶ 64. The Pastor shall, within each church year, read to the congregation the doctrines of the Church [¶ ¶ 15-42], and that part of the government relating to the local Church [¶ ¶ 43-101] and the District Assembly [¶ ¶ 122-125].

¶ 65. The Pastor shall always show respect for the united advice of the District Superintendent and the District Advisory Board.

¶ 66. For the exercise of his office the Pastor is amenable to the District Assembly, to which he

shall report annually, adding thereto brief testimony to his personal Christian experience.

¶ 67. The Pastor shall automatically become a member of the Church of which he is Pastor; or, in case of more than one church on his charge, the one of his choice.

VII. Calling of a Pastor

¶ 68. An Elder or a Licensed Minister may be called to the pastorate of a local Church by a two-thirds favorable vote of the full members present and voting by ballot at a regular or special meeting of the Church; *provided,* that such Elder or Licensed Minister shall have been nominated to the Church by a majority vote by ballot of all the members of the Church Board, such nomination having the approval of the District Superintendent. In case of disagreement between the Church Board and the District Superintendent, there shall be a right of appeal to the General Superintendent having jurisdiction, and also to the Board of General Superintendents. [¶ 98 § 2.]

¶ 69. In case any Church has not called a Pastor prior to the convening of the District Assembly, the General Superintendent presiding, the District Superintendent, and the Advisory Board, in concurrence with the delegates, shall make pastoral arrangements for that church. [¶ 224.]

¶ 70. The call of a Pastor may be only until the close of the next District Assembly, but may be

renewed without the nomination of the Church Board, at a special or regularly called Church meeting for this purpose at least three months prior to the District Assembly — due notice having been given from the pulpit — by a majority vote by ballot of all the full members present and voting. In case of disapproval of the call by the District Superintendent, there may be an appeal to the General Superintendent having jurisdiction, and also to the Board of General Superintendents.

¶ **71**. When a Pastor is called, the Church should specify the pecuniary support he may expect, and should make provision for his traveling and moving expenses.

VIII. The Deaconess

¶ **72**. The duties of a Deaconess are manifold, such as: Ministering to the sick and poor; praying with the dying and pointing them to the Savior; comforting the sorrowing; seeking the lost and wandering; and endeavoring by all means to lead them to Christ and salvation.

¶ **73**. The Deaconess is to work in harmony with the Pastor at all times, and should be accorded respect and careful pastoral guidance in this holy calling for her very works' sake.

¶ **74**. No one shall be licensed as a Deaconess who does not feel the call of God, and in her life give evidence of the fruit of the Spirit.

¶ **75**. A Local Deaconess, after serving for one

year, under Local Deaconess License granted by the Church Board, upon nomination of her Pastor, may be recommended by the Church Board of the Church of which she is a member, to the District Assembly for District Deaconess License. She shall be at least twenty-one years of age, and shall not be granted District license until she has done satisfactory work at least one year, under a Local Deaconess License, working in harmony with her Pastor. She shall pass a satisfactory examination in Bible doctrine, in government of the Church, and domestic qualifications, which examination shall be taken before the District Board of Examination. And she shall declare her purpose to pursue faithfully the course of study prescribed for Deaconesses. The General Superintendent having jurisdiction shall issue to each Licensed Deaconess a certificate of license.

¶ **76**. When a Licensed Deaconess shall have passed in the prescribed course of study, she may, upon recommendation of the Church Board of the Church of which she is a member, be elected by the District Assembly as a full Deaconess, and, when so elected, shall don the garb, and shall be consecrated by the District Assembly with appropriate religious services.

¶ **77**. All Consecrated Deaconesses, and Licensed Deaconesses who have passed at least one-half of the prescribed course of study, shall be

members of the District Assembly; *provided,* they are in active service.

¶ 78. The Deaconess garb shall consist of an all-black suit, all-white suit, or a white shirtwaist and black skirt, with the regulation bonnet adopted by the General Assembly of 1907.

¶ 79. In case the license of a Deaconess is not renewed, she may no longer serve as Deaconess or wear the garb.

¶ 80. In the interim of the District Assembly, the license of a Deaconess may be revoked, by the District Advisory Board, after conference with the Church Board of the Church of which such Deaconess is a member.

¶ 81. All Consecrated Deaconesses, who are in active service, shall wear the garb while in pursuance of the work of their calling.

IX. The Local Preacher

¶ 82. When any member of the Church feels called of God to do special work in the way of preaching and conducting special meetings in the interest of salvation, and the call is evidenced by grace, gifts, and usefulness, he may, after proper examination as to his personal experience of salvation, his knowledge of the doctrines of the Bible and the order of the Church, and after recommendation by the pastor, be licensed by the Church Board as a Local Preacher.

¶ 83. Such license may not be for more than

one year; but may be renewed by the same process.

¶ 84. A Local Preacher, who has stood in that relation for at least one full year, and has passed the complete course of study for Local Preachers, at the discretion of the Church Board may be recommended to the District Assembly for Minister's License; and, if not received, he shall sustain his former relation. [¶ 169.]

X. The Stewards

¶ 85. The Stewards — not less than three, nor more than thirteen — who shall be elected by the annual local Church meeting, shall give special attention to raising money for the support of the Pastor, that he may be free from worldly care and anxiety, and may give himself wholly to the work of the ministry.

¶ 86. The Stewards shall provide the elements for the Lord's Supper, and may assist the Pastor in the distribution of the same, when requested so to do.

¶ 87. The Stewards may also co-operate with the Deaconesses in caring for the needy and distressed.

XI. The Trustees

¶ 88. The Trustees of the local Church shall be not less than three nor more than nine persons, who shall be members of the Church of the Nazarene.

¶ 89. They shall hold church property for the

use of the local Church membership and the properly-constituted Church authorities.

¶ 90. In all cases where the civil law requires a specific mode of election of Church Trustees, that mode shall be strictly followed.

¶ 91. Where no particular mode of election is required by civil law, the Trustees shall be elected by ballot, at the annual meeting of the Church, or at a meeting of the Church called for that purpose, due announcement of such meeting having been made from the pulpit.

¶ 92. Before real estate is purchased for the use of the Church, the Trustees shall see that the Church, in all places where the statutes will permit, be incorporated; and that the articles of incorporation shall provide that the Church shall be subject to the provisions of the government of the Church of the Nazarene, as from time to time authorized and declared by the General Assembly of said Church; and that the secular affairs of such corporation shall be managed and controlled by a Board of Trustees, elected and organized according to the provision of said government. Such articles shall further provide that such corporation shall have power to acquire, hold, sell, and convey property, both real and personal.

¶ 93. When this is done, all property acquired shall be deeded directly to the Church in its corporate name. It is required that all deeds conveying property to the Church shall contain the fol-

lowing trust clause: "In trust, that said premises shall be used, kept, maintained, and disposed of, as a place of worship for the use of the ministry and membership of the Church of the Nazarene; subject to the doctrine, law, and usage of said Church, as from time to time declared by the General Assembly of said Church."

¶ 94. In no case may the Church Trustees mortgage or encumber the real estate, to meet the current expenses of the Church; and they may in no case transfer real estate of the Church, without the consenting vote of the Church, after due announcement of the proposition, and the written approval of the District Superintendent.

¶ 95. For faithfulness to their trust the Church Trustees shall be amenable to the local Church, to which they shall make annual report.

XII. The Church Board

¶ 96. Every local Church shall have a Church Board, composed of the Pastor, the Sunday School Superintendents (except Departmental and Assistant Superintendents), the Presidents of the Nazarene Young People's Societies, the Stewards, and the Trustees of the Church.

¶ 97. It shall have regular meetings in the first week of each month, and shall meet specially when called by the Pastor, the District Superintendent, or the Secretary when there is no Pastor.

¶ 98, § 1. The duties of the Church Board

shall be, in harmony with the Pastor, to care for the interests of the Church and its work, not otherwise provided for.

§ 2. It shall nominate to the Church, with the approval of the District Superintendent, any Elder or Licensed Minister whom it may deem the proper person to become Pastor. [¶ 68.]

§ 3. It shall, after conference with the District Superintendent, arrange for pastoral supply, until such time as a Pastor shall be regularly called by the Church.

§ 4. It shall provide for the support of the Pastor, the pastoral supply, or any other paid worker of the Church.

§ 5. It shall see that proper attention is given to the support of the District Superintendent and General Superintendents, in accordance with the authorized plans.

§ 6. It may license any one who has been recommended by the Pastor as Local Preacher.

§ 7. It may license any one who has been recommended by the Pastor as Local Deaconess.

§ 8. It may recommend to the District Assembly any Local Preacher who has been nominated by the Pastor to be licensed as a Minister.

§ 9. It may recommend to the District Assembly any one who has been nominated by the Pastor for renewal of license as a Minister.

§ 10. It may, upon nomination of the Pastor, recommend to the District Assembly any Local

Deaconess whom it shall deem eligible to be licensed as Deaconess.

§ 11. It shall appoint annually a Sunday School Committee of three members of the Church, who shall be members of the Sunday School Board.

§ 12. It shall have, in harmony with the Pastor, and through the Sunday School Board, general supervision of the Sunday School, and may approve or disapprove any who have been elected by the Sunday School Board as officers and teachers.

§ 13. It shall, in connection with the Pastor, and before a Sunday School Board has been provided in a newly organized Church, appoint a Sunday School Superintendent, and perform the duties of a Sunday School Board until such board has been regularly provided.

¶ 99, § 1. The Church Board shall elect a Secretary at the first regular meeting of the year to serve until the close of the Assembly year.

§ 2. The Secretary shall record correctly and preserve faithfully the Minutes of all meetings of the Church Board, and shall do whatever else may pertain to his office. He shall present an annual report to the annual meeting of the Church.

§ 3. The Secretary shall forward to the District Assembly complete annual financial and statistical reports of the local Church covering the Assembly year.

§ 4. The Secretary shall hold in trust all papers, records, and legal documents (such as deeds, ab-

stracts, insurance policies, *et cetera*) pertaining to the local Church, promptly turning over all papers, records, and other documents to his successor in office.

§ 5. The Secretary of the Church Board may also be elected secretary of annual and special church meetings; but, in harmony with ¶ 52, he shall, in all cases, be custodian of the Minutes and other papers of such annual and special church meetings.

¶ 100. The Church Board shall carefully keep account of all monies received and disbursed by the Church, making report of the same at its regular monthly meetings, and to the Church at its annual meeting.

¶ 101, § 1. The Church Board shall elect a Treasurer at the first regular meeting of the year to serve until the close of the Assembly year.

§ 2. The Treasurer shall receive all monies not otherwise provided for, and shall disburse same only on order of the Church Board. He shall make monthly remittances of all District and General Funds to the District Treasurer.

§ 3. The Treasurer shall keep a correct book record of all funds received and disbursed.

§ 4. He shall present a monthly financial report to the Church Board and shall forward one copy to the District Treasurer.

§ 5. The Treasurer shall present an annual financial report to the annual Church meeting.

XIII. The Sunday School

¶ 102. It shall be the duty of the Pastor to organize and supervise, as far as practicable and proper, one or more Sunday Schools in the Church under his pastoral care.

¶ 103. The object of the Sunday School shall be: Instruction in the principles of our holy faith, personal salvation, and the promotion of scriptural holiness among all our people and others, through the prayerful and careful study of the Word of God. Our Sunday Schools are urged to give definite instruction to children along catechetical lines.

¶ 104. The Sunday School shall be under the general supervision of the Sunday School Board, working in harmony with the Pastor and the Church Board.

¶ 105. The Sunday School shall be under the special and direct supervision and leadership of a Superintendent, working in harmony with the Pastor. The Superintendent shall report the condition of the Sunday School under his charge at the Annual District Assembly.

¶ 106. The Sunday School officers and teachers must be in the experience of salvation, and must teach in harmony with the doctrines of the Bible as interpreted by the Church. The Sunday School Superintendent shall be a member of the Church of the Nazarene.

¶ 107. A Constitution and By-Laws, adopted

by the Sunday School, must conform to the foregoing rules and regulations.

¶ 108. The Sunday School year shall begir with the first day of January.

XIV. The Sunday School Board

¶ 109. The Sunday School Board shall be composed of the Pastor (who shall be, *ex-officio,* Chairman), the Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendent, the officers, the teachers, and the Sunday School Committee appointed by the Church Board.

¶ 110. Special meetings may be called by the Pastor, the Superintendent, or any three members of the Sunday School Board.

¶ 111. In case of imprudent conduct or neglect of duty by any officer or teacher, the place may be declared vacant by a majority vote of those present at a regular meeting of the Sunday School Board.

XV. Nazarene Young People's Societies

¶ 112. Societies of young people may be organized, by consent of, and under the advice of, the Pastor, for the spiritual benefit of the young people, and for co-operation in seeking the salvation of souls, and for the advancement of the work of the Church, such organizations to be perfected in harmony with the adopted Constitution of the Nazarene Young People's Society. [¶ 395 § 3.]

¶ 113. The Societies shall be in full subordination to the Church as a body, and may inaugu-

rate no movement contrary to the judgment of the Church, or without the consent of the Pastor.

¶ **114**. Times and places of meeting shall be chosen under the advice of the Pastor and the Church Board.

¶ **115**. Each local Society shall be represented in the Annual District Assembly by its president, who shall report the condition of the Society to the Assembly.

XVI. The Missionary Society

¶ **116**. In each local Church there shall be one or more Missionary Societies, organized under the direction of the Pastor, whose duty it shall be, by all means, to awaken and sustain interest in, and support of, the sacred cause of Missions — both home and foreign.

XVII. Organization of Churches

¶ **117**. Local Churches may be organized by the District Superintendent or by the General Superintendent having jurisdiction, or by an Elder authorized by either of them.

XVIII. Disorganization of Churches

¶ **118**. When it seems clear to a District Superintendent that a local Church organization should no longer continue as such, it may be disorganized by action and formal pronouncement of the Board of General Superintendents on recommendation of the District Superintendent.

¶ **119**. In case an individual Church becomes disorganized, any church property which shall exist

may in no way be diverted to other purposes, but shall pass to the control of the District Assembly, for the use of the Church at large, as the District Assembly shall direct; and Trustees holding property for the disorganized Church shall sell or dispose of the same only on the order and under the direction of the appointed agent of the District Assembly, and turn the funds over to such agent.

¶ 120. No Board of Trustees may divert property from the use of the Church of the Nazarene.

XIX. Withdrawal of Churches

¶ 121. No individual Church may withdraw as a body from the Church of the Nazarene, or in any way sever its relation thereto, except by provision of the General Assembly, and upon agreed conditions and plans.

CHAPTER II

THE DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

I. Bounds, Membership, and Time of Meeting

¶ 122. The bounds and name of a Church District shall be such as shall be indicated by the General Assembly or by the District involved, with the final approval of the General Superintendents having jurisdiction.

¶ 123. The District Assembly shall be composed of all the received Elders and Licensed Ministers; the District Secretary; the District Treas-

urer; the Sunday School Superintendents; the President of the District Woman's Missionary Society; the President of the District Nazarene Young People's Society; the Presidents of the local Nazarene Young People's Societies; the eligible Deaconesses of the District; the Lay members of the District Advisory Board; and two delegates from each local Church of fifty or less full members, and one additional delegate for each additional fifty full members or major fraction of fifty full members.

¶ 124. The District Assembly shall be held annually, at the time appointed by the General Superintendent having jurisdiction, and at the place designated by the preceding Assembly or arranged for by the District Superintendent.

II. Business of the District Assembly

¶ 125. The business of the District Assembly shall be: § 1. To hear reports from and consider the character of all Elders and Licensed Ministers and Deaconesses.

§ 2. To license, after careful examination, those who have been recommended by Church Boards, and whom it may judge to be called to the Ministry, and to the office of Deaconess.

§ 3. To elect as Elders those whom it has favorably passed upon as having fulfilled all the requirements for orders.

§ 4. To recognize the orders of those coming

from other denominations, and whom it may judge qualified and desirable for place among us.

§ 5. To receive into its membership Elders, Licensed Ministers, and Deaconesses who have been properly recommended, by transfer from other Districts, and whom it may judge as desirable for place in the District.

§ 6. To issue a certificate of transfer to Elders, Licensed Ministers, and Deaconesses who desire to transfer to another District Assembly. [¶ ¶ 186, 188.]

§ 7. To elect, by a two-thirds favorable vote, an Elder to the office of District Superintendent, to serve until the close of the next District Assembly.

§ 8. To elect a District Secretary, to serve until the final adjournment of the next District Assembly.

§ 9. To elect a District Treasurer, to serve until the final adjournment of the next District Assembly.

§ 10. To elect, by ballot, two Elders and two laymen to the District Advisory Board, to serve until the final adjournment of the next District Assembly.

§ 11. To elect a District Board of Examination, of five or more Elders, to serve for four years.

§ 12. To elect a District Board of Missions, of as many members as the Assembly may choose, to serve until the final adjournment of the next District Assembly.

§ 13. To elect a Board of Education of five members, to serve until the final adjournment of the next District Assembly.

§ 14. To elect a Board of Church Extension of five members, of whom the District Superintendent shall be one, to serve until the final adjournment of the next District Assembly.

§ 15. To elect a Board of Ministerial Relief, to serve until the close of the next District Assembly

§ 16. To elect a District Board of Social Welfare of five members, of whom the District Superintendent shall be one, to serve until the final adjournment of the next District Assembly.

§ 17. To elect a Court of Appeals, consisting of from three to five Elders, including the District Superintendent, to serve until the final adjournment of the next District Assembly.

§ 18. To commission Elders and Licensed Ministers to serve as Evangelists for one year. [¶ 189.]

§ 19. To commission persons whom it deems qualified to serve as Song Evangelists for one year. [¶ 192.]

§ 20. To elect, by ballot, delegates to the General Assembly, at the annual session immediately preceding; *provided*, no delegate to the General Assembly may be declared elected until after he has solemnly promised faithfully to attend all the sessions of the General Assembly from beginning to close, unless prevented by some serious provi-

dence, such as sickness or death in his immediate family. [¶ 202.]

§ 21. To present, through the District Secretary, a full official Journal for the preceding quadrennium to the General Assembly, for review and revision.

§ 22. The District Assembly may elect annually a District Colporteur, in conjunction with the recommendation of the Department of Publication.

§ 23. To consider and care for the entire work of the Church within its bounds.

§ 24. To transact any other business pertaining to the work, in harmony with the spirit and order of the Church.

NOTE.—District Assemblies may organize their work in harmony with the program of correlation of boards and in conformity to the plan adopted by the General Assembly for such correlation.—THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS.

III. The Assembly Journal

¶ 126, § 1. The Journal or Minutes shall be a copy of the record of the regular proceedings of the District Assembly.

§ 2. The Journal shall be signed by the President and the Secretary.

§ 3. The Journal must be either written or typewritten manuscript, or printed and substantially bound.

§ 4. Separate items of business shall be placed in separate paragraphs.

§ 5. Every Secretary who edits Minutes should

be careful to present the same with a view to their examination by the General Assembly.

¶ 127. The list of Pastoral Arrangements should not only contain the assignment of Pastors to local Churches, but should also contain all regular and special engagements entered into by ministerial and lay members of the District Assembly who are engaged in any line of denominational service that would entitle them to consideration if applying for assistance from the General Ministerial Relief Fund.

IV. The District Superintendent

¶ 128. The District Superintendent shall organize, recognize, and supervise local Churches within the bounds of his District, subject to the approval of the General Superintendent having jurisdiction.

¶ 129. The District Superintendent shall visit the local Churches in his District, at least once a year, and shall meet with the Church Board, at which time he shall preside, and shall consult with reference to spiritual, financial, and pastoral matters, giving such helpful advice and assistance as he may deem proper.

¶ 130. The District Superintendent may, with the consent of the Church Board, appoint a Pastor to fill a vacancy until the next District Assembly, and such appointed Pastor shall be subject to removal by the District Superintendent, when his

services are not satisfactory to the Board and the Church.

¶ 131. When a local Church within his District is without a Pastor or pastoral supply, the District Superintendent may perform for it all the functions of a Pastor.

¶ 132. All the missions of the Church within the bounds of his District shall be under the special supervision of the District Superintendent.

¶ 133. If for any reason the General Superintendent having jurisdiction fails to be present or to appoint a representative to be present at the District Assembly, the District Superintendent shall call the Assembly to order, and shall preside until other provision may have been made by the Assembly.

¶ 134. All official acts of the District Superintendent shall be subject to review and revision by the District Assembly.

V. The District Secretary

¶ 135. The District Assembly shall elect a District Secretary, to serve until the final adjournment of the next District Assembly.

¶ 136. If, in the interim, for any cause, the District Secretary shall cease to serve, the District Superintendent shall appoint some one to succeed him.

¶ 137. The District Secretary shall record correctly and preserve faithfully all Minutes of the

District Assembly, all statistics of the District, and shall be the custodian of all documents of the District Assembly, promptly turning over the same to his successor; and shall do whatever else may pertain to his office.

¶ **138**. The District Secretary shall forward twenty-five copies of the printed Minutes of each District Assembly to General Headquarters for distribution among the General Officers and Boards of the Church.

¶ **139**. The District Secretary may have as many assistants as the District Assembly shall elect.

VI. The District Treasurer

¶ **140**. The District Assembly shall elect a District Treasurer, to serve until the final adjournment of the next District Assembly.

¶ **141**. If, in the interim, for any cause, the District Treasurer shall cease to serve, the District Superintendent shall appoint some one to succeed him.

¶ **142**. The District Treasurer shall receive all monies from his District for the General Ministerial Relief Fund and such other funds as may be designated by the General Assembly, or by the District Assembly, or as the needs of the Church may require, and disburse the same accordingly. He shall render an itemized monthly report to the General Treasurer of all receipts and disbursements.

¶ **143**. He shall keep a correct record of all

unds received and disbursed and render an annual eport to the District Assembly, to which he shall e amenable.

VII. The District Advisory Board

¶ 144. The District Assembly shall elect, anually, by ballot, two Elders and two laymen, who hall constitute the District Advisory Board, whose uty it shall be to give information to, and consult ith, the District Superintendent respecting the Ministers and Churches of the District; and particularly to inform and advise with the General Superintendent regarding the pastoral arrangements for the coming year.

¶ 145. The Advisory Board and the District Superintendent may issue a transfer of membership, when it becomes desirable for an Elder, Licensed Minister, or a Deaconess to transfer to another District Assembly before the meeting of the District Assembly in which the person's membership s held, which transfer may be accepted by the District Assembly to which it is presented. [¶ ¶ 187, 88.]

¶ 146. In the interim of the District Assembly, this Board may, for cause, after advising with he Church Board of the Church of which a Deaoness is a member, revoke the license of such Deaoness.

¶ 147. The District Advisory Board may recommend Ministers of its District to the General

Board of Ministerial Relief for retirement relation, when it deems them entitled to such relation. [¶ 194.]

¶ 148. The District Superintendent shall be, *ex-officio,* a member of the District Advisory Board.

¶ 149. A vacancy in this Board may be filled by the remaining members thereof.

VIII. The District Board of Examination

¶ 150. The District Assembly shall elect a District Board of Examination, of five or more Elders, who shall serve for a term of four years. Vacancies occurring in the Board, in the interim of the District Assembly, may be filled, if necessary, by the District Superintendent.

ORGANIZATION

¶ 151, § 1. As soon as elected, the first member chosen shall call a meeting of the entire Board for organization, as follows: The Board shall elect from among its members a permanent Chairman and Secretary, both of whom may be exempt from the direct work of examination, and shall faithfully do the work as herein provided.

§ 2. The Chairman shall assign to the other members of the Board the studies of the year on which each member shall examine. Such assignments shall be for the entire term of the Board, unless otherwise mutually arranged.

§ 3. The Chairman shall attend all meetings of the Board of Examination, unless providentially

revented, and shall oversee the work of the oard each year. In case of necessary absence of he Chairman, the Secretary shall do his work, *pro em.*

§ 4. The Secretary shall provide, at the expense f the Assembly, a suitable Record Book of Exam- ations, which shall be the property of the Assem- ly.

§ 5. He shall enter therein the name and ad- ress of each candidate for examination, and the ame of the Church recommending him, the date of censing, the course of study pursued, and the rec- rd of examinations. The Secretary shall provide nd fill out suitable blanks, and present to each andidate a duplicate of his record as preserved in he general records of the Assembly.

MODE OF EXAMINATIONS

¶ 152, § 1. All examinations shall be held at he seat of the District Assembly on the day preced- ng the opening session, unless otherwise provided y the Board of Examination.

§ 2. Any member of any class who shall fail to ppear for examination as directed shall not be ad- anced in his studies by the Assembly, unless his bsence is satisfactorily explained in writing to the hairman, and he shall have arranged with his ex- miner for his examination in the studies of his ear, and shall pledge to complete his entire work efore the final examinations.

§ 3. All examinations shall be conducted in writing.

§ 4. The examiner shall furnish the candidate with a list of not less than ten questions for each study and book.

§ 5. All papers shall be marked on a scale of 100.

§ 6. An average of 75 per cent shall be required on all studies as a condition of passing to the studies of the next year; *provided*, however, if any candidate shall fail to receive a grade of 70 per cent on any study or book, he shall be conditioned on that study or book, and shall be required to pass an examination on that study or book before he may be permitted to take the examination for advance work.

§ 7. On the completion of the examinations, the Board of Examination shall report to the Assembly the record and the recommendations for election to the studies of the next year, of such candidates as shall have passed satisfactory examinations.

§ 8. Candidates pursuing the Assembly Course of Study, who may be attending any of the recognized schools of the Church of the Nazarene, and pursuing the same or similar studies as are in the course of study, may present a school record in lieu of examination, and, if satisfactory to the Board of Examination, may be recommended for advancement in that study without further examination.

IX. The District Missionary Board

¶ **153**. Each District Assembly shall elect a District Board of Missions, of as many members as the Assembly may choose.

¶ **154**. The duty of this Board shall be to seek by all means — by the diffusion of intelligence, by the holding of local meetings and District conventions, by the employment of speakers who have the vision and the spirit, and by whatsoever agency may be contributive — to stir the people to holy zeal and devotion and liberality to the sacred cause of Missions — both home and foreign.

¶ **155**. This Board, under direction of the District Assembly, and in co-operation with the District Superintendent, may have charge of all home mission work, within the bounds of the District, conducted by the District.

X. The District Board of Education

¶ **156**. The District Assembly shall elect annually a District Board of Education of five members, to serve until final adjournment of the next District Assembly, whose duty it shall be, in co-operation with the General Board of Education, to foster and guard the cause of education as represented by our Church.

XI. The District Board of Church Extension

¶ **157**. The District Assembly shall elect a District Board of Church Extension, consisting of five members, one of whom shall be the District Super-

intendent, to serve until the final adjournment of the next District Assembly, whose duty it shall be to advance the cause of building houses of worship and parsonages, within the bounds of the District, in co-operation with the General Board of Church Extension.

¶ 158. It shall be the duty of this Board to verify and conserve the validity of titles to church property; to assist Churches to incorporate; and to do whatever else the District Assembly may direct, regarding the matter of church property.

XII. The District Board of Social Welfare

¶ 159. The District Assembly shall elect, annually, a District Board of Social Welfare of five members, one of whom shall be the District Superintendent, to serve until the final adjournment of the next District Assembly. It shall be the duty of this Board, in co-operation with the General Board of Education, to foster the work of moral education, prevention, restoration, and general betterment in connection with the Church.

XIII. The District Board of Ministerial Relief

¶ 160. The District Assembly shall elect annually a District Board of Ministerial Relief which shall recommend to the General Board of Ministerial Relief the disbursement of funds for the temporal relief of aged Ministers, and the widows and orphans of Ministers who have died in the work; and this Board shall have full power to dispense local

relief according to its wisdom, subject to the approval of the District Assembly.

XIV. The District Colporteur

¶ 161. The District Assembly may elect annually a District Colporteur, in co-operation with the Department of Publication, who shall labor under the jurisdiction of the District Superintendent, and shall be amenable to the District Assembly.

¶ 162. The District Colporteur shall co-operate with the Department of Publication in a systematic distribution of gospel literature.

XV. The District Nazarene Young People's Society

¶ 163. The District Nazarene Young People's Society shall be composed of the local Nazarene Young People's Societies of the District, as authorized by the General Assembly of 1923.

¶ 164. It shall be governed by the Constitution approved and adopted by the General Assembly of 1923. [¶ 395 § 2.]

¶ 165. The District Convention, which shall meet annually, shall be composed according to Article II of the District Constitution. [¶ 395 §2.]

¶ 166. The District Superintendent shall be a member of the District Committee and the Executive Committee of the District Nazarene Young People's Society.

XVI. The District Advisory Council

¶ 167. The District Boards shall form an Ad-

visory Council over which the District Superintendent shall preside, said Council to meet, if possible, once each six months for counsel and advice as to the best methods of forwarding the work of the District.

CHAPTER III

THE MINISTRY

¶ 168. While we recognize and insist that all believers have committed unto them a dispensation of the Gospel, which they are to minister unto all men — we also recognize and hold that the Head of the Church calls some to the more official and public work of the Ministry.

I. The Licensed Minister

¶ 169. When there are those among us who feel called to the Ministry, they may be licensed as Ministers by the District Assembly and enrolled as members of the Assembly; *provided,* they (1) have held Local Preacher's license for one full year; (2) have passed the complete Course of Study for Local Preachers; (3) have been recommended for such work by the Church Board of the Church of which they are members; (4) have given evidence of grace, gifts, and usefulness; (5) have been carefully examined, under the direction of the Assembly of the District within the bounds of which they hold their church membership, regarding their spir-

itual, intellectual, and other fitness for such work; (6) and shall have promised to pursue immediately the Course of Study prescribed for candidates for ordination. [¶ 84.]

¶ 170. This license shall terminate with the close of the next District Assembly (except when reasons satisfactory to the Assembly are presented, subject to the approval of the President of the Assembly) unless the candidate shall have passed the year's course of study required, and, by vote of the Assembly, shall have been advanced to the studies of the next year.

¶ 171. It is required that applicants for renewal of Minister's License must be recommended to the District Assembly by the Church Board of the Church wherein the applicant holds his membership.

¶ 172. The General Superintendent having jurisdiction shall issue to each Licensed Minister a certificate of license.

¶ 173. Such Licensed Ministers shall be vested with authority to preach the Word, and (only when acting as Pastors) to administer the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper in their own congregation, and to officiate at marriages where the laws of the state do not prohibit; *provided*, that they annually pass the prescribed course of study.

¶ 174. All Licensed Ministers shall hold their ministerial membership in the District Assembly, to which body they shall report annually.

II. The Elder

¶ **175**. We recognize but one order of the official Ministry — that of the Eldership. This is a permanent order in the Church. The Elder is to rule well in the Church, to preach the Word, to administer the Sacraments, and to solemnize Matrimony, all in the name of, and in subjection to, the great Head of the Church.

¶ **176**. Those who are called of God to this Ministry, and who have fulfilled all the requirements of the Church for the same, who have been orderly passed in the full course of study prescribed for ordination, and have been carefully considered and favorably reported upon by a committee appointed by the District Assembly, may be elected to orders by a two-thirds vote of the District Assembly; *provided*, they have been in active ministry not less than two years.

¶ **177**. In case a Licensed Minister has been a regular Pastor for two years, he may be ordained to the Eldership; *provided*, he shall have passed the full four years' course of study prescribed for ordination.

¶ **178**. The candidate thus elected shall be ordained by the laying on of the hands of the Elders, and other religious exercises, under the direction of the President of the Assembly.

¶ **179**. The General Superintendent having jurisdiction shall issue a certificate of ordination, signed by himself and the District Secretary.

¶ 180. All Elders shall hold church membership in some local Church.

¶ 181. All Elders shall hold their ministerial membership in the Assembly of the District wherein their church membership is held. Any Elder, who for two consecutive years does not report to his District Assembly, either in person, or by letter, shall, if the Assembly so elect, cease to be a member thereof.

III. Recognition of Orders

¶ 182. Elders coming to us from other evangelical denominations, and presenting their ordination papers, may have their orders recognized by the District Assembly, after satisfactory examination as to personal experience and doctrine; *provided,* they shall have passed an examination in studies judged by the Board of Examination to be the equivalent of our own studies required for ordination.

¶ 183. The General Superintendent having jurisdiction shall issue a certificate of such recognition, signed by himself and the District Secretary.

¶ 184. When the orders of a Minister from another Church shall have been duly recognized, his credentials issued by said Church shall be returned to him inscribed in writing or stamped across the face as follows:

"Accredited by the ..... District Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene this.....day of ..... 192.., as the basis of new credentials.

.....*President*

.....*Secretary.*"

¶ **185**. The Elder received shall have his name enrolled as a ministerial member of the District Assembly.

IV. Transfers

¶ **186**. When it becomes desirable for an Elder, Licensed Minister, or Deaconess to transfer to another District Assembly, a transfer of membership may be issued by the vote of the District Assembly in which such person's membership is held, which transfer may be accepted by the District Assembly to which it is addressed. [¶ 125 § 6.]

¶ **187**. When it becomes desirable for an Elder, Licensed Minister, or Deaconess to transfer to another District Assembly before the meeting of the District Assembly in which the person's membership is held, a transfer of membership may be issued by the District Superintendent and District Advisory Board, which transfer may be accepted by the District Assembly to which it is addressed. [¶ 145.]

¶ **188**. All transfers shall be mailed direct to the District Assembly to which addressed. The receiving Assembly shall notify the issuing Assembly of the reception of the person's membership. Until transfers are received by vote of the District Assem-

bly to which addressed, the person thus transferred shall be a member of the issuing District Assembly. Such transfer to be valid only until the close of receiving District Assembly following date of issue.

V. The Evangelist

¶ 189. An Elder, or a Licensed Minister who has completed at least one year of the Course of Study, who devotes his time to evangelism, may, by a two-thirds vote of the District Assembly, be commissioned to do the work of an Evangelist — such commission to continue only until the close of the next District Assembly. [¶ 125 § 18.]

¶ 190. The General Superintendent having jurisdiction shall issue a certificate of such commission, signed by himself and the District Secretary.

¶ 191. The Evangelist shall report annually to the District Assembly of which he is a member, and shall attend the District Assembly in person, unless he can give a satisfactory reason. Failing to report, his commission shall not be renewed.

VI. The Song Evangelist

¶ 192. When there are those among us who feel called to the special ministry of Song Evangelism, and who have been recommended for such work by the Church Board of the Church of which they are members, and shall have given evidence of grace, gifts, and usefulness; and who have had at least one year's experience, and not less than one

year of vocal study under an accredited teacher; and who are regularly engaged as Song Evangelists, they may, after careful examination under direction of the Assembly of the District in which they hold their Church membership, regarding their spiritual, intellectual, and other fitness for such work, be licensed as Song Evangelists for one year, to which body they shall report annually. [¶ 125 § 19.]

¶ 193. The General Superintendent having jurisdiction shall issue to each Song Evangelist a certificate of license, signed by himself and the District Secretary.

VII. The Retired Minister

¶ 194. A Retired Minister is one who is so disqualified by physical disability or old age as to be incapacitated for such active ministerial labors as will afford him sufficient income for support. The question of his disability shall be determined by the General Board of Ministerial Relief upon the recommendation of the Advisory Board of the District of which he is a member. His retirement shall not compel him to cease active ministerial labors as his strength permits. [¶ 147.]

VIII. Restoration of Membership

¶ 195. If for any reason the name of an Elder or a Consecrated Deaconess shall be removed from an Assembly Roll, such Elder or Consecrated Deaconess shall not be recognized in any other District

Assembly without having secured the written consent of the Assembly from the Roll of which his or her name has been removed.

IX. Restoration of Credentials

¶ 196. When an Elder in good standing shall surrender his credentials for any reason, that District Assembly to which they are surrendered may restore the same at any subsequent time, upon recommendation of the Church of which he is a member and of the District Superintendent and the Advisory Board.

¶ 197. When an Elder shall have been deprived of his credentials, by expulsion or otherwise, they shall be carefully filed and preserved with the papers of his District Assembly.

¶ 198. If at any future time he shall give satisfactory evidence to said District Assembly of amendment of life and conduct, and the Church Board of the Church of which he is a member shall recommend him to the District Assembly for the restoration of his credentials, endorsed by the District Superintendent and the Advisory Board, that District Assembly may restore them.

¶ 199. Any Minister who is expelled or withdraws under charges can reunite with the Church only with the consent of the District Assembly of the District from which he withdrew or was expelled.

CHAPTER IV

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

I. Function, Membership, and Time of Meeting

¶ 200. The General Assembly is the supreme doctrine-expressing and law-making authority of the Church.

¶ 201. The General Assembly shall be composed of ministerial and lay delegates in equal numbers, elected thereto by the District Assemblies of the Church; of the General Superintendents; of the General Secretary; of the General Treasurer; and the Superintendent of each Foreign Mission District or one representative therefrom selected by the District.

¶ 202. Assembly Districts shall be entitled to representation in the General Assembly as follows: Two Elders and two laymen from each District of five hundred or less full church members, and one additional Elder and one additional layman for each five hundred additional full church members or major fraction of five hundred full church members. [¶ 125 § 20.]

¶ 203. The General Assembly shall be held in June, 1928, and once every four years thereafter, in the month of June, at a time and a place designated by the General Superintendents and a commission of four chosen by the General Superintendents.

II. Business of the General Assembly

¶ 204. The General Assembly shall be presided over by the General Superintendents, jointly and severally.

¶ 205. The General Assembly shall elect its other officers, and organize itself for the transaction of its business according to its wisdom and pleasure.

¶ 206. The General Assembly shall elect, by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, two or more (the number to be determined by itself) General Superintendents who shall hold office, unless there be some providential or other hindrance, until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly.

¶ 207. The General Assembly shall elect a General Secretary, who shall hold office, unless there be some providential or other hindrance, until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly.

¶ 208. The General Assembly shall elect a General Treasurer, who shall hold office, unless there be some providential or other hindrance, until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly.

¶ 209. The General Assembly shall provide a General Board composed of fifteen members as follows: A member of the Board of General Superintendents who shall be presiding officer; the General Treasurer; and thirteen members to be elected by

the General Assembly. Representation on this General Board shall, as nearly as possible, be equally divided between Ministers and laymen. This Board shall serve until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly.

¶ 210. The General Assembly shall elect a General Board of Education, consisting of ten members, to serve until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly.

¶ 211. The General Assembly shall elect a General Board of Ministerial Relief, consisting of five members, to serve until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly.

¶ 212. The General Assembly shall elect a General Orphanage Board, consisting of eight members, to serve until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly.

¶ 213. The General Assembly shall provide a General Sunday School Committee composed as follows: The Editor of Sunday School periodicals, and six members elected by the General Assembly. This Committee shall serve until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly.

¶ 214. The General Assembly shall elect a General Court of Appeals, consisting of five Elders, to serve until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly.

¶ 215. The General Assembly shall elect a Book Committee of three members, to serve until

the final adjournment of the next General Assembly.

¶ 216. The General Assembly shall elect an Editor of the *Herald of Holiness,* to serve until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly.

¶ 217. The General Assembly shall elect an Editor of Sunday School periodicals, to serve until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly.

¶ 218. The General Assembly shall do anything else, in harmony with the Holy Scriptures, that wisdom may dictate for the general welfare of the Church and the holy cause of Christ.

III. The General Superintendents

¶ 219. The General Superintendents shall have general supervision of the Church of the Nazarene, subject to the law and order as adopted by the General Assembly.

¶ 220. The General Superintendents shall, jointly and severally, preside over the General Assembly.

¶ 221. One General Superintendent shall preside over each District Assembly; or, should he be providentially hindered, shall make suitable arrangements for such presidency.

¶ 222. The General Superintendents, in connection with the Eldership, shall ordain, or appoint others to ordain, those who have been duly elected to be Elders.

¶ 223. The General Superintendents having jurisdiction may organize or recognize local churches, after consulting with the District Superintendent, wherever there may seem to be need and providential opening; and they may appoint Pastors to have charge of such churches until such time as Pastors may be duly elected.

¶ 224. The General Superintendent presiding over a District Assembly, the District Superintendent, and the Advisory Board shall, in concurrence with delegates of churches, appoint Pastors over churches that have not regularly called Pastors. [¶ 69.]

¶ 225. The General Superintendents, jointly and severally, may appoint District Superintendents over Assembly Districts where vacancies occur.

¶ 226. The General Superintendent having jurisdiction shall appoint an Elder to fill any vacancy that may occur in the District Court of Appeals, in the interim of the District Assembly.

¶ 227. The General Superintendents shall be members, *ex-officio*, of the Executive Committee of the General Nazarene Young People's Society.

¶ 228. The General Superintendents shall not be members of any of the General Boards.

¶ 229. All official acts of the General Superintendents shall be subject to review and revision by the General Assembly.

IV. The Board of General Superintendents

¶ 230. The General Superintendents shall organize as a Board, and arrange for, and assign to, the members thereof the particular work over which they shall have special jurisdiction.

¶ 231. The Board of General Superintendents shall have supervision of all Boards; and the policies and plans adopted by any Board must have the approval of the Board of General Superintendents.

¶ 232. The Board of General Superintendents shall fill vacancies that may occur in the General Board of Education, the General Board of Ministerial Relief, the General Orphanage Board, the General Sunday School Committee, and the General Court of Appeals, in the interim of the General Assembly.

¶ 233. The Board of General Superintendents shall approve the appointments made by the General Board in filling vacancies that may occur in its membership.

¶ 234. The Board of General Superintendents together with the General Board of Education, shall constitute a Board to arrange courses of study for Local Preachers, Licensed Ministers, and Deaconesses.

¶ 235. The Board of General Superintendents shall have authority to do anything else in the service of the Church, not otherwise provided for, ac-

cording to the dictates of their wisdom, and in harmony with our general Church order.

V. Vacancies in the General Superintendency

¶ 236. If, in the interim of the General Assembly, a vacancy should occur, by death or otherwise, in the Board of General Superintendents, the General Secretary shall at once notify all the District Superintendents of the Church, who shall, by a two-thirds vote of all, elect some Elder of the Church to perform the duties of General Superintendent until the close of the next General Assembly.

¶ 237. The General Secretary shall report the result of the vote to the Board of General Superintendents, who shall announce the same to the Church through the *Herald of Holiness.*

VI. The Missionary Superintendents

¶ 238. The General Board shall select, and from such selection the Board of General Superintendents shall appoint, three Missionary Superintendents to have supervision over the following fields: (1) Latin America; (2) Africa, India, and the Near East; (3) China, Japan, Philippine Islands, Hawaiian Islands, and Australia.

¶ 239. The Missionary Superintendents are to organize and care for the work of the Church of the Nazarene in their respective fields, under the authority of the Board of General Superintendents, to which Board they shall be subject.

VII. The General Secretary

¶ 240. The General Secretary shall record correctly and preserve faithfully all Minutes of the proceedings of the General Assembly, all general statistics of the Church, and all other documents belonging to the General Assembly, promptly delivering the same to his successor; and shall faithfully do whatever else may be necessary for the fulfillment of his office.

¶ 241. The General Secretary shall be the custodian of, and hold in trust, such legal documents as belong to the General Church.

¶ 242. Prior to the opening of the General Assembly, the General Secretary, in conjunction with the General Superintendents, shall prepare all necessary forms, including Rules of Order, Manual Abridgment for Revision, *et cetera,* necessary for the expediting of the work of the General Assembly. The expense incurred shall be provided for out of the General Assembly Expense Fund.

¶ 243. If, in the interim of the General Assembly, for any cause, the General Secretary shall cease to serve, the Board of General Superintendents shall elect some one to succeed him.

¶ 244. The General Secretary may have as many assistants for his work as the General Assembly shall elect, or, in the interim, the Board of General Superintendents may appoint.

VIII. The General Treasurer

¶ 245. The General Treasurer shall be custodian of all funds belonging to the general interests of the Church.

¶ 246. He shall receive and disburse, on order, the funds of the Departments of Foreign Missions, Home Missions and Evangelism, Publication, Church Extension, and such other funds as shall properly belong to the General Board or any of its departments; the General Superintendents Fund, the General Contingent Fund, the General Assembly Expense Fund, and other general benevolent church funds; the funds of the General Board of Education, and the General Board of Ministerial Relief.

¶ 247. The General Treasurer shall give bond for the faithful performance of his duties, in a reliable national surety company, in a good and sufficient sum, as the General Board may direct.

¶ 248. The General Treasurer shall furnish such reports to the Boards or Departments, for whose funds he may be custodian, as may be required by them. He shall furnish to the General Board an annual report of all the finances of the Church, including investments.

¶ 249. He shall safeguard annuity funds invested in real estate by proper insurance policies, and it shall be his further duty to provide against the lapsing of such policies.

¶ 250. He shall secure monthly reports of receipts and disbursements from all schools, orphanages, rescue homes, and other institutions of the Church.

IX. The General Board

¶ 251. The General Board shall be composed of fifteen members, as follows: A member of the Board of General Superintendents who shall preside over the sessions of the General Board; the General Treasurer; and thirteen members elected by the General Assembly, to serve until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly.

¶ 252. The General Board shall have the following departments, the members of which shall be elected by the General Assembly:

§ 1. Department of Foreign Missions, consisting of five members.

§ 2. Department of Publication, consisting of five members.

§ 3. Department of Home Missions, consisting of three members.

§ 4. Department of Church Extension, consisting of three members.

§ 5. Department of Ministerial Relief, consisting of three members.

¶ 253. The General Board shall transact all necessary business relating to the financial and business affairs of the Church, and any other matters as may properly come before it, subject to the

approval of the General Assembly; *provided,* that all policies and plans of operation must have the approval of the Board of General Superintendents.

¶ 254. No separate department of the General Board has the right of independent action; all matters considered by the separate departments must be submitted to the General Board for approval.

¶ 255. Any program or project unanimously agreed upon by any department of the General Board must be approved by two-thirds vote of the remaining members of the General Board before it can be adopted.

¶ 256. The General Board may organize additional departments when it shall deem them necessary, subject to the powers granted to the Board by the General Assembly.

¶ 257. The General Board shall cause to be published in the Year Book and in the *Herald of Holiness* an annual report of all the general finances of the Church.

¶ 258. Vacancies occurring in the membership of the General Board shall be filled by the remaining members of the Board, subject to the approval of the Board of General Superintendents.

The Department of Foreign Missions

¶ 259. This Department shall have charge of all the foreign missionary work of the Church, subject to the approval of the General Board.

¶ 260. Foreign missionary territory shall embrace all territory not included in the United States, Canada, and the British Isles.

¶ 261. The Department of Foreign Missions shall order paid out of its funds the full salaries of such Missionary Superintendents as may be chosen by order of the General Assembly, to devote their entire time to the supervision of missions in foreign mission territory.

The Department of Home Missions and Evangelism

¶ 262. The Department of Home Missions and Evangelism shall have charge and oversight of the general home missionary work, subject to the approval of the General Board.

¶ 263. Home missionary territory shall embrace all territory included in the United States, Canada, and the British Isles.

¶ 264. Home mission fields shall be constituted as follows:

§ 1. The state of North Carolina.
§ 2. The state of South Carolina.
§ 3. The province of Ontario, Canada.
§ 4. The province of Quebec, Canada.

¶ 265. All Districts with five hundred members or less may, on their request, and with the approval of the Board of General Superintendents, be classed as Home Mission Districts. This action does not affect Districts now in existence.

¶ 266 All Districts with five hundred members and less than eight hundred members shall be eligible to consideration for help from the Department of Home Missions and Evangelism.

¶ 267. District Superintendents receiving support from the Department of Home Missions and Evangelism may be appointed by the Board of General Superintendents.

¶ 268. Evangelists laboring on home mission fields and receiving assistance from the Department of Home Missions and Evangelism, shall be appointed thereto by the General Superintendent having supervision, in concurrence with the Department of Home Missions and Evangelism and the District Superintendent.

¶ 269. All claims for support from the Department of Home Missions and Evangelism must be authorized by the General Superintendent having supervision.

The Department of Publication

¶ 270. The Department of Publication shall have general charge of the publishing interests of the Church, subject to the approval of the General Board.

¶ 271. The five members of the Department of Publication shall constitute the members of the legal corporation known as the Nazarene Publishing House, and shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified. Any vacancies occurring in

this department in the interim of the General Assembly shall be filled by the General Board, with the approval of the Board of General Superintendents.

¶ 272. The Department of Publication shall constitute the organization formerly known as the General Colportage Board, and shall conduct a systematic distribution of Bibles, books, mottoes, tracts, and other gospel literature, in co-operation with the Nazarene Publishing House.

¶ 273. All books and tracts issued by the Nazarene Publishing House must first be approved by the Book Committee.

¶ 274. The Editor of the *Herald of Holiness* shall be elected by the General Assembly for a term of four years, or until his successor is elected.

¶ 275. The Editor shall have general oversight of the *Herald of Holiness,* editing all contributed articles; *provided,* that he shall be amenable to the Board of General Superintendents as to editorial policy and doctrine, whose decision shall be final.

The Department of Church Extension

¶ 276. The Department of Church Extension shall devise plans by which funds may be raised and held, and, by gifts or loans of such funds, may assist new and needy local churches in the erection or providing of places of worship, and parsonages, subject to the approval of the General Board.

X. The General Board of Education

¶ 277. The General Board of Education shall be composed of one representative from each of the six Educational Districts, one from Canada, and three representatives at large, elected by the General Assembly, to serve until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly.

¶ 278. When a member of the General Board of Education, who represents an Educational District, shall remove his residence from that District, such removal shall constitute a vacancy on the General Board of Education from that District.

¶ 279. Vacancies in the General Board of Education shall be filled by the Board of General Superintendents; *provided,* that vacancies in the representation from an Educational District shall be filled by residents of that District.

¶ 280. The following shall constitute the six Educational Districts adopted by the General Assembly with the respective college for each District:

§ 1. Eastern District, Eastern Nazarene College.
§ 2. Southeast District, Trevecca College.
§ 3. Central District, Olivet College.
§ 4. Southern District, Bethany-Peniel College.
§ 5. Northwest District, Northwest Nazarene College.
§ 6. Southwest District, Pasadena College.

¶ 281. Central Nazarene College and Bresee Theological College shall be classed as Bible schools and academies.

¶ 282. The General Treasurer shall be custodian of the funds of the General Board of Education, and shall disburse the same on its order.

¶ 283. This board shall recognize, classify, and by all means foster such schools of the Church as they, in their godly judgment, believe to be expedient; shall see that these schools maintain the recognized standards of scholarship; and shall guard against the multiplication of schools, beyond the need or ability of the Church to equip and maintain, subject to the approval of the General Assembly.

¶ 284. The General Board of Education shall have supervision of the Sanitarium and Hospital Work of the Church, as follows:

§ 1. A First Aid Course, to be offered in connection with any of our schools, under the following requirements: The course to consist of at least five hours work per week, under the direction of a registered nurse (R. N.) or a doctor of medicine (M. D.).

§ 2. A Training School for Nurses, to be offered in connection with any of our schools, under the following requirements: A general hospital, sanitarium, or infirmary having at least twenty beds; having a governing board of directors or trustees; having a dean or president of staff who is a doctor of medicine (M. D.); having a superintendent and a head nurse, each of whom must be a registered nurse (R. N.). Each member of the governing

board and each officer must be in the experience of entire sanctification.

¶ 285. The General Board of Education shall have charge of all matters pertaining to general moral education. This board shall provide that a brief course in moral education be given annually in schools under the supervision of the Church of the Nazarene, and that as many local churches as possible be reached with moral instruction.

XI. The General Board of Ministerial Relief

¶ 286. The General Board of Ministerial Relief, consisting of five members, shall be elected by the General Assembly, to serve until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly.

¶ 287. The General Board of Ministerial Relief shall receive funds from the following sources:

§ 1. Each ordained Minister, Licensed Minister, and Consecrated or Licensed Deaconess shall, unless financially unable, pay annually one dollar on January 1.

§ 2. An amount equal to 10 cents for each lay member shall be forwarded by the churches through the District Treasurers to the treasurer of the General Board of Ministerial Relief. This fund may also be replenished from time to time by gifts and bequests which may be secured by the board.

¶ 288. The General Board of Ministerial Relief shall disburse funds on the recommendation of District Boards of Ministerial Relief, for the tem-

poral relief of aged ministers, and the widows and orphans of ministers who have died in the work; and this board shall have full power to dispense such relief according to its wisdom, subject to the approval of the General Assembly.

[NOTE.—The General Board, in its session in December, 1923, created a Department of Ministerial Relief to perform all the functions of the General Board of Ministerial Relief as outlined above.]

XII. The General Orphanage Board

¶ 289. The General Orphanage Board, consisting of eight members, shall be elected by the General Assembly, to serve until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly.

¶ 290. The General Orphanage Board shall have charge of the orphanage interests of the Church, subject to the approval of the General Assembly.

XIII. The General Sunday School Committee

¶ 291. The General Sunday School Committee shall be composed of the Editor of Sunday School periodicals, and six members elected by the General Assembly, to serve until the final adjournment of the next General Assembly.

¶ 292. The General Sunday School Committee shall have full charge of all general Sunday School interests, and all matters relating to our Sunday School lesson courses and helps, providing for teacher training courses, courses of study for daily vacation Bible schools, and standards of efficiency for Sunday Schools.

¶ 293. This committee is authorized to ask an annual contribution from the Sunday Schools of the Church for general Sunday School purposes, not to exceed five cents per member.

XIV. The Organization of General Boards

¶ 294. The General Boards shall have their by-laws and policies published immediately after the General Assembly, and copies of these shall be kept on hand at Headquarters for those desiring them.

XV. The Annual Meetings of General Boards

¶ 295. The annual meetings of all the General Boards of the Church shall be held at the same time and the same place, in order that all their work, plans, and efforts may be fully correlated.

XVI. The General Nazarene Young People's Society

¶ 296. The General Nazarene Young People's Society shall be composed of all District and local Nazarene Young People's Societies, as authorized by the General Assembly of 1923.

¶ 297. It shall be governed by the constitution approved and adopted by the General Assembly of 1923, which constitution may be amended only by the approval of the General Assembly. [¶ 395 § 1.]

¶ 298. The General Convention, which shall meet every four years, shall be composed of delegates elected by each District.

¶ 299. There shall be an Executive Committee, of which the General Superintendents shall be members, *ex-officio,* whose work shall be subject to sanction by the Board of General Superintendents.

¶ 300. Vacancies in the Executive Committee shall be filled by the remaining members of the committee in consultation with the Board of General Superintendents.

PART IV

JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

I. DISCIPLINE OF A MEMBER
II. DISCIPLINE OF A MINISTER
III. PROCEDURE ON TRIAL OF A MINISTER
IV. PROCEDURE ON APPEAL OF A MINISTER
V. PROCEDURE IN OTHER APPEALS.
VI. TRIALS OF CHURCHES
VII. APPEALS

CHAPTER I

DISCIPLINE OF A MEMBER

Object of Discipline

¶ 301. The object of church discipline is not the punishment of offenders, but the vindication of the truth of God, the purification of the Church, the warning of the careless, and the reformation and salvation of the guilty.

¶ 302. Members of the Church who do violence to the General Rules, or show disregard for the Special Advices, should be dealt with kindly and faithfully, according to the grievousness of their offenses.

I. Unchristian Conduct

¶ 303. In case a member of the Church is accused of unchristian conduct, the Pastor shall appoint a committee, consisting of from three to five members, who shall carefully examine into the accusation, which shall be in writing, signed by the accuser or accusers, and shall confer with accused person, and report their findings to the Pastor, either that there seems no sufficient grounds for the accusation, or that there are grounds for charges, together with the facts as to penitence or otherwise.

If it seem necessary, the committee shall prepare and sign charges, and the accused shall be brought before a committee, of not less than three or more than five, appointed by the Church Board, which committee shall have authority to try the case and ascertain the guilt or innocence of the accused. The Pastor shall preside at the trial, and, if the accused person be found guilty, and fails to appeal to the Church Board within five days, such findings shall have the effect of expelling the person accused from membership in the Church.

II. Imprudent Conduct

¶ 304. In case of imprudent conduct, the person so accused shall be labored with by a committee appointed by the Pastor, and time shall be given for repentance and reformation. If the course be persisted in, the person accused shall be dealt with in the manner prescribed in ¶ 303 for cases of unchristian conduct; and, if found guilty, shall be excluded from membership in the Church.

CHAPTER II

DISCIPLINE OF A MINISTER

¶ 305. In case an Elder, or a Licensed Minister, be accused in writing, signed by the accuser or accusers, of unchristian or imprudent conduct, or promulgating doctrines out of harmony with the doctrinal statements of our Church, or serious lax-

ity in the enforcement of our General Rules and covenant vows, the procedure shall be as follows: The Advisory Board shall appoint a committee of two Elders to investigate said accusations and report back to the Advisory Board their findings within not more than thirty days from date of appointment, either that they find nothing that warrants charges, or written charges with specifications. Written charges with specifications may be presented against him by any two Elders of the Church of the Nazarene, or by any Church Board with the consent of the District Superintendent, unless the District Superintendent himself is the subject of such charges, in which event a majority of the other members of the Advisory Board may give their consent.

¶ 306. The Minister so accused shall be tried before a court of five Elders, selected by the District Advisory Board of the District in which the accused has membership, unless one of the members of such Advisory Board is himself the subject of such charges, in which event the other members of such Advisory Board shall choose such court.

¶ 307. Written notice shall be served upon the Minister so accused at least twenty days before trial. Such notice shall set forth the nature of the charges, together with the specifications, and the time and place of trial. The accused shall be allowed counsel, which counsel shall be a member of the Church of the Nazarene. Should the counsel

be guilty of improper conduct during the trial, the court can refuse to hear him, and can also punish him.

¶ 308. In case the Minister so accused shall be found guilty by the unanimous judgment of the members of the court after being tried according to the rules of evidence, judgment shall be pronounced by the court in accord with the nature of the offense. Such judgment may take the form of expulsion from the Church and ministry, or that of suspension for a limited time from his membership and ministry.

¶ 309. In cases where there seems to be cause to believe that the prejudice against the accused Elder or Licensed Minister is so general in his Assembly District as to interfere seriously with the selection of a fair and dispassionate trial court, such accused may file with the General Court of Appeals a written petition, setting forth the existence of such general prejudice, and asking that the case against him be transferred and tried by a court of Elders in some other Assembly District of the Church. The allegations in such petition must be supported by the written and signed statements of members of the Church living within the Assembly District of which the accused is a member to the effect that such general prejudice against the accused exists in such District. A copy of the petition and signed statements in support thereof must be served upon the Advisory Board within three days of the time

that they are mailed to the General Court of Appeals. Within five days thereafter either the Advisory Board or the District Superintendent may file a counter statement with said court denying the allegations of the petition, accompanied by signed statements of members of the Church within the District, to the effect that the conditions existing in the District are such as to permit a fair trial of the accused therein. The General Court of Appeals may either grant or deny the petition, and if it grants the petition shall designate some Assembly District in which the accused shall be tried. In so doing the court shall always bear in mind such considerations as, the convenience of all parties concerned, the cost of transportation, *et cetera*. In cases where the court grants such petitions it shall notify the District Superintendent or Advisory Board of its action, and shall direct such Advisory Board to proceed with the trial of the accused as provided in the following paragraphs hereof. A new accusation will not be required.

CHAPTER III

PROCEDURE ON TRIAL OF A MINISTER

¶ 310. The following shall invariably be the course of procedure in connection with the trial of an accused Minister:

§ 1. The charges and specifications referred to in Chapter II shall be filed by the District Super-

intendent, or Advisory Board in the event of his disqualification, with the trial court.

§ 2. The written notice provided for in ¶ 307 shall be prepared either by the District Superintendent or Advisory Board, and signed by him or them.

§ 3. Such notice shall contain a full and correct copy of the charges and specifications.

§ 4. The charges shall be general, merely setting forth the nature of the offense, but the specifications, which must be numbered, shall state the facts constituting the alleged offense, with such particulars of time, place, circumstances, and persons present, as may be necessary fully and fairly to apprise the accused of the evidence which he will have to meet, and thus enable him to prepare his defense.

§ 5. The District Superintendent, if not disqualified, or an Elder in the Church of the Nazarene designated by the District Superintendent or the Advisory Board, shall conduct the prosecution. The defendant also shall be represented by an Elder of the Church, selected either by himself or by the trial court, in case such defendant is absent from the trial, or, if present, fails or refuses to make such selection.

§ 6. No defendant shall be compelled to testify against himself, or to furnish evidence in his possession which may tend to incriminate him.

§ 7. No defendant shall be found guilty simply because he fails or refuses to make any defense, but

his guilt must be established by affirmative evidence, as recognized in the civil courts.

§ 8. All trials shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of evidence.

§ 9. A correct record shall be kept of the evidence taken at the trial, the objections made by either party, and the rulings thereon by the court. A copy of this record shall in every case be filed with the District Secretary, and shall be accessible to convicted Ministers who desire to appeal.

§ 10. No findings or judgments of trial courts shall be published until the time for appeals has passed; and the actions of such courts have become final.

§ 11. In no case shall the character of any Minister be questioned at the District Assembly of which he is a member, unless written charges are pending against him.

CHAPTER IV

PROCEDURE ON APPEAL OF A MINISTER

¶ 311. Upon conviction by a trial court, as provided for in Chapter II hereof, any Elder or Licensed Minister shall have the right of appeal within thirty days to the General Court of Appeals, of which he can not be deprived by his inability to obtain access to the transcript of the testimony and proceedings at the trial.

¶ 312. The procedure in cases of appeal by Ministers shall be as follows:

§ 1. The appellant shall transmit to the General Court of Appeals his appeal in writing, accompanied by a written statement setting forth the grounds of his appeal. Copies of such appeal and written statement shall be forwarded respectively to the District Superintendent, the Advisory Board, and the trial court. The statement must also be accompanied by a copy of the charges and specifications filed prior to such trial, the written notice thereof served upon the party accused, the judgment pronounced by the court, which shall always be in writing, and a copy of the official record of the trial. The dates of filing or presentation of such documents should invariably appear on the copies thereof. Such copies must be endorsed as correct by the District Superintendent, or a majority of the members of the trial court.

§ 2. In all cases of appeal to the General Court of Appeals from the judgment of a trial court, the District Superintendent of the District in which the trial occurs shall act as respondent, and shall file with the General Court of Appeals a brief review of the case, and his reasons, if any, why the judgment should be affirmed.

CHAPTER V

PROCEDURE IN OTHER APPEALS

¶ 313. Where the appeal is from any action of a District Assembly, it must be accompanied by copies of all papers and proceedings relating thereto, certified as correct by the Secretary of such Assembly. Accompanying such papers shall be a written statement of the grounds of the appeal, and in so far as such statement purports to set forth any facts or proceedings occurring at any session of such District Assembly, it must be certified to be correct by the Secretary of such Assembly. In all such cases the appeal must be accompanied by a copy of the published Minutes of such Assembly, and the portions thereof bearing upon the appeal must be referred to by page in the statements of the grounds of the appeal.

¶ 314. On such appeals the District Superintendent of the District in which the trial occurs should act as respondent, and should file with the General Court of Appeals a brief review of the case, and his reasons why the action appealed from should be affirmed or reversed, as the case may be.

¶ 315. In all cases of appeals and complaints referred to in this chapter, the District Superintendent of the District from which the appeal or complaint emanates, shall appear before the General Court of Appeals at the date set for the hearing of

such appeal or complaint, for the purpose of presenting the case from the standpoint of the respondent. In the event of his inability to be personally present at such time, he shall designate some other competent Elder to appear in his stead as the representative of the respondent.

CHAPTER VI

TRIALS OF CHURCHES

¶ 316. Local churches may be tried and disorganized in the manner hereinafter set forth, when formally charged with any of the following offenses, and found guilty:

§ 1. Persistently violating the provisions of the legislation enacted by the General Assembly, or refusing to conform to the legal and proper requirements of the duly constituted authorities of the Church.

§ 2. Sustaining and supporting a Pastor who teaches doctrines contrary to the Articles of Faith of our Church.

§ 3. Sanctioning immoral practices by members, and refusing to take the legal steps prescribed in our Manual for the trial of persons charged with the commission of such offenses.

¶ 317. When any local Church by official act or declaration, or by nonperformance of any of the official duties imposed upon it by the government of

this Church, as found in our Manual, shall offend in any of the foregoing particulars, any member of such Church may, with the consent of the District Superintendent, file a complaint or accusation with the Advisory Board, charging that such Church has committed one or more of the foregoing offenses. Thereupon the Advisory Board shall appoint one Elder and one layman, who with the members of the District Court of Appeals shall constitute a court having jurisdiction to summon witnesses, to hear evidence on behalf of the prosecution and the defense, and to render judgment in the case.

¶ 318. Twenty days before the trial of such churches, the time and place of which shall be fixed by the court, written notice shall be served upon the Church Board of the Church against which complaint is made. Such notice shall give the time and place of such trial, and shall contain a correct copy of the complaint and the charges and specifications stated therein. The Church complained of shall have the right to be represented by counsel at the trial, such counsel to be a member in good standing of the Church of the Nazarene. The Advisory Board shall appoint an Elder of the Church to conduct the prosecution.

¶ 319. In case the Church so accused shall be found guilty by the court, it shall be disorganized by the Board of General Superintendents, unless it satisfies the members of the court that it sincerely

repents of its evil course and will in good faith conform in every way to the government of our Church, and recognize the legal and proper requirements of the duly constituted authorities of the Church; *provided,* however, that in the event that such defendant church does not convince the court that it has so repented, and will so conform, it shall have the right within thirty days of the rendition of the judgment of its disorganzation, to appeal to the General Court of Appeals. The method of making and presenting such appeal, and all rules of procedure connected therewith, shall be the same as those prescribed for appeals of convicted Elders or Licensed Ministers, found in the preceding sections of this Manual.

¶ 320. All members of churches convicted and disorganized as above, who sincerely disclaim all sympathy with, or participation in, the offenses for which such churches may be disorganized, shall be entitled to receive from the District Superintendent letters showing their good standing in the Church of the Nazarene, and directed to other churches of our denomination with which they may desire to unite.

CHAPTER VII

APPEALS

I. District Court of Appeals

¶ 321. It shall be the duty of this court to hear complaints and appeals of members of any local Church within a District, concerning any action of a Church or of a Church Board, due notice of which must have been given within twenty days of the action complained of or appealed from, to the Church or the Church Board concerning whose action the complaint or appeal is made. This court is authorized to approve, modify, or reverse such action; and its decision shall be final.

II. The General Court of Appeals

¶ 322, § 1. The General Assembly shall elect five Elders as members of the General Court of Appeals. It shall be the duty of this court to hear all appeals brought before it in the manner prescribed in Chapters IV and V, from the judgments of trial courts concerning Ministers charged with imprudent or unchristian conduct or promulgating doctrine out of harmony with the doctrinal statements of our Church, or serious laxity in the enforcement of our General Rules and covenant vows, and all complaints of and appeals from the actions of District Assemblies and District Superintendents in matters affecting the interests of Ministers whose mem-

bership is in such District Assembly, and who are amenable to the lawful authority of such District Superintendents.

§ 2. In all such cases due notice of such complaint or appeal must have been given within thirty days to the Assembly or Superintendent whose action is complained of or appealed from.

§ 3. This court is authorized to approve, modify, or reverse such judgment or action, and its decision, which must be in writing, shall be final.

§ 4. This court, when called upon by the General Assembly or Board of General Superintendents to give its construction of the meaning and force of any of the provisions of this Manual, shall promptly comply with such request, giving its opinion in writing, and the construction thus placed by it upon the provisions in question shall be authoritative and final.

§ 5. The publication of the opinions and decisions of the General Court of Appeals shall be left to the discretion of the court in consultation with the Board of General Superintendents.

§ 6. The General Court of Appeals shall prepare and have printed blank forms of Bills of Charges to be used in trials of Elders and Licensed Ministers. These forms shall be printed and kept in stock by the Nazarene Publishing House. The cost of their printing shall be paid out of the General Contingent Fund.

PART V

BOUNDARIES

I. ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS
II. HOME MISSION DISTRICTS
III. MISSIONARY DISTRICTS
IV. FOREIGN MISSIONARY AREAS
V. EDUCATIONAL DISTRICTS

CHAPTER I

ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS

¶ **323**. 1. ALABAMA. The state of Alabama and that portion of the state of Florida west of the western line of Georgia.

¶ **324**. 2. ALBERTA. The province of Alberta, Canada, and that portion of the province of British Columbia, Canada, east of the Rocky mountains.

¶ **325**. 3. ARIZONA. The state of Arizona.

¶ **326**. 4. ARKANSAS. The state of Arkansas.

¶ **327**. 5. BRITISH ISLES. England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales.

¶ **328**. 6. CHICAGO CENTRAL. The states of Illinois and Wisconsin.

¶ **329**. 7. DALLAS. That portion of the state of Texas east of the 97th meridian, with the exception of that portion of Denton county east of said meridian.

¶ **330**. 8. EASTERN COLORADO-WYOMING. The state of Wyoming, and that portion of the state of Colorado east of the following line: The Continental Divide from the southern boundary line of Colorado northward to Leadville; thence along the Denver & Rio Grande-Western railway to Wolcott; thence northward to and following the eastern

boundary line of Routt county to the Wyoming line.

¶ **331**. 9. Eastern Oklahoma. That portion of the state of Oklahoma east of the following line: The Santa Fe railway from Red river to Oklahoma City; the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railway north from Oklahoma City to the Arkansas river; thence to the Kansas line.

¶ **332**. 10. Florida. That portion of the state of Florida east of the western line of Georgia.

¶ **333**. 11. Georgia. The state of Georgia.

¶ **334**. 12. Hamlin. That portion of the state of Texas north of the 32d parallel and west of the 97th meridian, with the addition of that portion of Denton county east of said line.

¶ **335**. 13. Idaho-Oregon. That portion of the state of Idaho south of the Salmon river; and the following counties in the state of Oregon: Wallowa, Union, Baker, Grant, Harney, Malheur.

¶ **336**. 14. Indiana. The state of Indiana.

¶ **337**. 15. Iowa. The state of Iowa.

¶ **338**. 16. Kansas. The state of Kansas.

¶ **339**. 17. Kentucky. The state of Kentucky; and that portion of the state of West Virginia west of a line running south from Ravenswood, W. Va., to the Virginia line.

¶ **340**. 18. Louisiana. The state of Louisiana.

¶ **341**. 19. Manitoba-Saskatchewan. The provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, Canada.

¶ 342. 20. MICHIGAN. The state of Michigan.

¶ 343. 21. MINNEAPOLIS. The state of South Dakota; that portion of the state of North Dakota, including Eddy county, south of the following line: The Missouri river to Washburn; thence eastward along the north boundary line of Burleigh, Kidder, Stutsman, and Barnes counties to the Great Northern railway; thence to Fargo, N. D.; that portion of Minnesota south of a direct line from Moorhead, Minn., to the northeast corner of Chisago county, Minnesota.

¶ 344. 22. MISSISSIPPI. The state of Mississippi.

¶ 345. 23. MISSOURI. The state of Missouri.

¶ 346. 24. MONTANA. The state of Montana.

¶ 347. 25. NEBRASKA. The state of Nebraska.

¶ 348. 26. NEW ENGLAND. The states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island; that portion of the state of Connecticut east of a line running north from Bridgeport, Conn., excluding Bridgeport, to the Massachusetts line; and the provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, Canada.

¶ 349. 27. NEW MEXICO. The state of New Mexico; and that portion of the state of Texas west of the 103d meridian.

¶ 350. 28. NEW YORK. The state of New York; that portion of the state of New Jersey north of Boundbrook, N. J.; and that portion of the state of Connecticut west of a line running north from

Bridgeport, Conn., including Bridgeport, to the Massachusetts line.

¶ 351. 29. NORTHERN CALIFORNIA. The state of Nevada; that portion of the state of California north of the northern boundary line of San Luis Obispo, Kern, and San Bernardino counties, with the addition of that portion of Kern county north of the Tehachipi mountains.

¶ 352. 30. NORTH DAKOTA-MINNESOTA. That portion of the states of North Dakota and Minnesota, excepting Eddy county, N. D., and including Fargo, N. D., and Moorhead, Minn., north of the following line: The Missouri river to Washburn; thence eastward along the north boundary line of Burleigh, Kidder, Stutsman, and Barnes counties to the Great Northern railway; thence to Fargo, N. D. and Moorhead, Minn.; thence in a direct line to the northeast corner of Chisago county, Minnesota.

¶ 353. 31. NORTH PACIFIC. That portion of British Columbia, Canada, west of the Rocky mountains; that portion of the states of Washington and Oregon west of the Cascade mountains; and the counties of Klamath and Lake in Oregon, east of the Cascade mountains.

¶ 354. 32. NORTHWEST. That portion of the state of Washington east of the Cascade mountains; that portion of the state of Idaho north of the Salmon river; and the following counties in the state of Oregon: Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Mor-

row, Umatilla, Jefferson, Wheeler, Des Chutes, and Crook.

¶ 355. 33. Ohio. That portion of the state of Ohio lying west of a line running south from Cleveland to Belpre, Ohio.

¶ 356. 34. Pittsburgh. That portion of the state of Ohio east of a line running south from Cleveland to Belpre, Ohio, including Cleveland; that portion of the state of Pennsylvania west of the Allegheny mountains; and that portion of the state of West Virginia east of a line running south from Ravenswood, W. Va., to the Virginia line, excepting the following counties: Jefferson, Berkeley, Morgan, Hampshire, Mineral, Grant, Hardy, and Pendleton.

¶ 357. 35. San Antonio. That portion of the state of Texas lying between the 97th and 103d meridians, south of the 32d parallel.

¶ 358. 36. Scandinavian. The Scandinavian work of the northwestern states.

¶ 359. 37. Southern California. That portion of the state of California south of the northern boundary line of San Luis Obispo, Kern, and San Bernardino counties with the exception of that portion of Kern county north of the Tehachipi mountains.

¶ 360. 38. Southwest (Mexican).

¶ 361. 39. Tennessee. The state of Tennessee.

¶ 362. 40. Washington-Philadelphia. That

portion of the state of Pennsylvania east of the Allegheny mountains; the states of Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia; the District of Columbia; that portion of New Jersey south of Boundbrook; and the following counties in West Virginia: Jefferson, Berkeley, Morgan, Hampshire, Mineral, Grant, Hardy, and Pendleton.

¶ **363**. 41. Western Colorado-Utah. The state of Utah; and that portion of the state of Colorado on and west of the following line: The Continental Divide from the southern boundary of Colorado northward to Leadville; thence along the Denver & Rio Grande-Western railway to Wolcott; thence northward to and following the eastern boundary line of Routt county to the Wyoming line.

¶ **364**. 42. Western Oklahoma. That portion of the state of Oklahoma west of the following line: The Santa Fe railway from Red river to Oklahoma City; the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railway north from Oklahoma City to the Arkansas river; thence to the Kansas line.

CHAPTER II

HOME MISSION DISTRICTS

¶ **365**. 1. The state of North Carolina.
¶ **366**. 2. The state of South Carolina.
¶ **367**. 3. The province of Quebec, Canada.
¶ **368**. 4. The province of Ontario, Canada.

CHAPTER III

MISSIONARY DIVISIONS

By Districts

¶ 369. *First*. British Isles, New England, New York, Washington-Philadelphia, Pittsburgh.

¶ 370. *Second*. Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Chicago Central, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri.

¶ 371. *Third*. Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi.

¶ 372. *Fourth*. Louisiana, Dallas, Hamlin, San Antonio, New Mexico, Southwest (Mexican).

¶ 373. *Fifth*. Eastern Oklahoma, Western Oklahoma, Arkansas.

¶ 374. *Sixth*. Eastern Colorado - Wyoming, Western Colorado-Utah, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota-Minnesota, Minneapolis, Montana, Alberta, Manitoba-Saskatchewan.

¶ 375. *Seventh*. Arizona, Idaho-Oregon, Northwest, North Pacific, Scandinavian, Northern California, Southern California.

CHAPTER IV

FOREIGN MISSIONARY AREAS

¶ 376. *First Area*. Latin America, comprising Mexico, Central America, South America, and Cuba.

¶ 377. *Second Area.* Africa, India, Palestine, Syria, and Cape Verde Islands.

¶ 378. *Third Area.* China, Japan, Philippine Islands, Hawaiian Islands, and Australia.

CHAPTER V

EDUCATIONAL DISTRICTS

I. For College Purposes

¶ 379. *Eastern District.* England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales; the District of Columbia; the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia; and that portion of the state of West Virginia included in the Washington-Philadelphia District; and the provinces of Quebec and Ontario, Canada. The territory comprises the Assembly Districts of British Isles, New England, New York, Washington-Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh, excepting that portion lying in the state of Ohio.

¶ 380. *Southeast District.* The states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Kentucky, Tennessee, and that portion of West Virginia included in the Kentucky District. The territory comprises the Home Mission Districts of North Carolina and South Carolina and the Assembly Districts of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

¶ 381. *Central District*. The states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Missouri, and Iowa. The territory comprises the Assembly Districts of Chicago Central, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Missouri, and Iowa, with the addition of that portion of the Pittsburgh District lying in the state of Ohio.

¶ 382. *Southern District*. The states of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico. The territory comprises the Assembly Districts of Arkansas, Dallas, Hamlin, Louisiana, New Mexico, San Antonio, Eastern Oklahoma, and Western Oklahoma.

¶ 383. *Southwest District*. The states of California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, and Nebraska. The territory comprises the Assembly Districts of Arizona, Kansas, Nebraska, Northern California, Southern California, Western Colorado-Utah, and Eastern Colorado-Wyoming, excepting the state of Wyoming. The Southwest (Mexican) District also falls within the boundary of the Southwest Educational District.

¶ 384. *Northwest District*. The provinces of Alberta, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan, Canada; and the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota. The territory comprises the Assembly Districts of Alberta, Manitoba-Saskatchewan, North Pacific, Northwest, Idaho-Oregon, Montana, Minneapolis, North Dakota-Minnesota, and Wyom-

ing from the Eastern Colorado-Wyoming District. The Scandinavian District also falls within the boundaries of the Northwest Educational District.

II. For Bible Schools and Academies

¶ 385. *Bresee Theological College* The states of Kansas and Nebraska. The territory comprises the Assembly Districts of Kansas and Nebraska.

¶ 386. *Central Nazarene College.* The state of New Mexico and that portion of the state of Texas excepting the Dallas District. The territory comprises the Assembly Districts of Hamlin, New Mexico, San Antonio, and Southwest (Mexican).

PART VI

RITUAL

I. BAPTISM
II. RECEPTION OF MEMBERS
III. THE LORD'S SUPPER
IV. MATRIMONY
V. BURIAL SERVICE

¶ **387**. While we would not hold our people to ritualistic forms, we recommend the following as worthy to be observed by those wishing to use such forms:

CHAPTER I

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

¶ 388. I. Baptism of Believers

Dearly Beloved: Believing that God has given you forgiveness of sins, and spiritual life through Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior, and that you are thus graciously prepared to receive Christian Baptism, as declarative of your saving faith and covenant of obedience, you will now give avowals of your belief and purpose.

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord? that He was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary? that He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried? that the third day He rose from the dead? that He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, and from thence shall come again to judge the quick and the dead? and

Do you believe in the Holy Ghost? the Church of

God? the communion of saints? the remission of sins? the resurrection of the dead? and the life everlasting?

Answer: All this I stedfastly believe.

Will you be baptized in this faith?

Answer: I will.

Do you renounce the devil and all his works? the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires of the flesh and of the mind?

Answer: I renounce them all.

Will you then obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of your life?

Answer: I will.

[The Minister, asking the name, shall say]:

A. B., I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

¶ 389. II. Baptism of Infants

Dearly Beloved: Baptism is the external seal of the new covenant of grace.

In presenting this child for Christian Baptism, you must remember that it is your part and duty to see that he be taught, as soon as he shall be able to learn, the nature and the end of this Holy Sacrament. You shall call upon him to give reverent attendance upon appointed means of grace; see that he is taught the truth of God as contained in the Holy Scriptures, and help him, as you may be able, in the way of life.

[The Minister may then ask the friends of the child to name the child, and baptize it, saying]:

I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

[The Minister may offer prayer, the congregation uniting in the Lord's Prayer]:

CHAPTER II

¶ 390. RECEPTION OF MEMBERS

[When, at any meeting, there are persons who desire to unite with the Church, having been favorably considered by the Pastor and the Church Membership Committee, the Minister having charge shall call the applicants forward, and explain to them briefly the privileges of membership in the Church, and question them in reference to their faith and experience as follows or extemporizing a form embracing the same general facts]:

Dearly Beloved: The privileges and blessings which we have in association together in the Church of Jesus Christ are very sacred and precious. There is in it such hallowed fellowship as can not otherwise be known.

There is such helpfulness with brotherly watch-care and counsel as can be found only in the Church.

There is the godly care of pastors, with the teachings of the Word, and the helpful inspiration of social worship. And there is co-operation in service, accomplishing that which can not otherwise be done. It is necessary that we be of one mind and heart. The doctrines upon which the Church rests as essential to Christian experience are brief. We believe in God the Father, Son, and

Holy Ghost; we especially emphasize the Deity of Jesus Christ and the personality of the Holy Spirit; that man is born in sin; that he needs the work of the Holy Spirit in regeneration; that, after the work of regeneration, there is the further work of heart-cleansing, or entire sanctification, which is effected by the Holy Ghost. And to each of these works of grace the Holy Spirit gives witness. We believe in eternal destiny, with its rewards and punishments.

Do you heartily believe these truths?

Do you take Jesus Christ as your Savior, and do you realize that He saves you now?

Desiring to unite with the Church of the Nazarene, do you covenant to give yourself to the fellowship and work of God in connection with it, as set forth in the General Rules and Special Advices of the Church? to endeavor in every way to glorify God, by a humble walk, godly conversation, and holy service; devotedly giving of your means; faithful attendance upon the means of grace; and, abstaining from all evil, seek earnestly to perfect holiness of heart and life in the fear of the Lord?

[These questions being satisfactorily answered, the persons may be received. The Minister, taking them by the hand, shall say]:

I welcome you into this Church, to its sacred fellowship, duties, and privileges. May the great Head of the Church bless and keep you, and enable you to be faithful in all good works.

CHAPTER III

¶ 391. THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

[The administration of the Lord's Supper may be introduced by an appropriate sermon or a suitable address, and the reading of 1 Corinthians 11:23-29, Luke 22:14-20, or some other appropriate passage. Let the Minister give the following invitation]:

The Lord himself ordained this Holy Sacrament. He commanded His disciples to partake of the bread and wine, emblems of His broken body and shed blood. This is His table. The feast is for His disciples. Let all those who have with true repentance forsaken their sins, and have believed in Christ unto salvation, draw near and take these emblems, and, by faith, partake of the life of Jesus Christ, to your soul's comfort and joy. Let us remember that it is the memorial of the death and passion of our Lord; also a token of His coming again. Let us not forget that we are one, at one table with the Lord.

[The Minister, with the congregation, kneeling, may offer prayer of confession and supplication, with the following prayer of consecration]:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who of Thy tender mercy didst give Thine only Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech Thee, and grant that we, receiving these Thy creatures of bread and wine, according to Thy Son, our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institu-

tion, in remembrance of His death and passion, may be made partakers of the benefits of His sacrificial death; who in the same night that He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my body, which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise, after supper, He took the cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this, for this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins; do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. *Amen.*

[Then may the Minister, himself partaking, with the assistance of any other Ministers present, and, when necessary, of the Stewards, administer the Communion to the people kneeling.]

[If there be those who can not kneel, let them receive it sitting or standing. While the bread is being distributed, let the Minister say]:

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was broken for thee, preserve thee blameless, unto everlasting life. Take and eat this, in remembrance that Christ died for thee.

[As the cup is being passed, let the Minister say]:

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thee blameless unto everlasting life. Drink this, in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

[The Lord's Prayer with extempore prayer of thanksgiving.]

CHAPTER IV

¶ 392. MATRIMONY

[At the day and time appointed for the solemnization of Matrimony, the persons to be married — having been qualified according to law — standing together, the Man on the right hand and the Woman on the left, the Minister shall say]:

Dearly Beloved: We are gathered together here in the sight of God, and in the presence of these witnesses, to join together this man and this woman in holy matrimony, which is an honorable estate, instituted of God in the time of man's innocency, signifying unto us the mystical union that exists between Christ and His Church; which holy estate Christ adorned and beautified with His presence and first miracle that He wrought, in Cana of Galilee, and is commended of St. Paul to be honorable among all men; and therefore is not by any to be entered into unadvisedly; but reverently, discreetly, and in the fear of God.

Into which holy estate these persons present come now to be joined. Therefore, if any can show just cause why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him now speak, or else for ever hold his peace.

[And also speaking unto the persons that are to be married, the Minister shall say]:

I require and charge you both, that if either of you know any impediment why you may not be lawfully joined together in matrimony, you do now confess it; for be ye well assured that so many as

are coupled together otherwise than God's Word doth allow, are not joined together by God, neither is their Matrimony lawful.

[If no impediment is alleged, then shall the Minister say unto the Man]:

Wilt thou have this woman to be thy wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto her, so long as ye both shall live?

[The Man shall answer]:

I will.

[Then shall the Minister say unto the Woman]:

Wilt thou have this man to be thy wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou love, honor, and keep him in sickness and in health; and forsaking all others, keep thee only unto him, so long as ye both shall live?

[The Woman shall answer]:

I will.

[Then shall the Minister pray thus]:

O Eternal God, Creator and Preserver of all mankind, Giver of all spiritual grace, the Author of everlasting life, send Thy blessing upon these Thy servants, this man and this woman, whom we bless in Thy name; that, as Isaac and Rebecca lived faithfully together, so these persons may surely perform and keep the vow and covenant between

them made, and may ever remain in perfect love and peace together, and live according to Thy laws: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[Then shall the Minister join their right hands together, and say]:

Forasmuch as this man and this woman have consented together in holy wedlock, and have witnessed the same before God and this company, and have declared the same by joining of hands, I pronounce that they are husband and wife together, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder. *Amen.*

[And the Minister shall add his blessing]:

God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully with His favor look upon you, and so fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace, that ye may so live together in this life that in the world to come ye may have life everlasting. *Amen.*

[Then may the Minister offer the following prayer, or may use extemporary prayer]:

O God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob, bless this man and this woman, and sow the seed of eternal life in their hearts, that whatsoever in the Holy Word they shall profitably learn, they may indeed fulfill the same. Look, O Lord, mercifully on them from heaven, and bless them; as Thou didst send Thy blessing upon Abraham and Sarah, to their great comfort, so vouchsafe to send

Thy blessing upon this man and this woman, that they, obeying Thy will, and always being in safety under Thy protection, may abide in Thy love unto their lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Almighty God, who at the beginning didst create our first parents, Adam and Eve, and didst sanctify and join them together in marriage, pour upon these persons the riches of Thy grace, sanctify and bless them, that they may please Thee, both in body and soul, and live together in holy love unto their lives' end. *Amen.*

CHAPTER V

¶ 393. BURIAL SERVICE

[At the home, or at the church, let suitable services be held, consisting of appropriate hymns, prayer, and reading of the Scriptures, together with a brief sermon or address suited to the occasion.]

[After the coffin is lowered in the grave, let the Minister say]:

We come hither to lay all that was mortal of our dear friend in this new-made sepulcher. He is not here. His absence occasions our coming hither today. This is but the house in which he lived. While he abode in it, it was alive. But he has gone, and the house is silent and lifeless. As it was taken from the earth, so it will go back and mingle with its kindred elements. We can do no other than to bring it hither, and, laying it back upon the bosom of mother earth, say: Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. Despite the

shadow and sorrow caused by his absence, we recognize the immortality of the soul; that through Christ we have hope of eternal life in heaven. Also that these mortal bodies shall come forth to the final awards of eternity.

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

PART VII

CONSTITUTIONS

I. FOR SUNDAY SCHOOLS

II. FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES

III. WOMAN'S GENERAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY

CHAPTER I

¶ 394. CONSTITUTION FOR SUNDAY SCHOOLS

ARTICLE I. *Name.* This school shall be called the Sunday School of the ..... Church of the Nazarene. It shall consist of the Pastor, Officers and Teachers, the Sunday School Committee appointed by the Church Board of the Church, and the scholars.

ART. II. *Object.* The object of the school shall be the promotion of Christian life and character through the devout and diligent study of the Word of God.

ART. III. *Sunday School Board.* This school shall be under the supervision of a Sunday School Board, consisting of the Pastor, who shall be, *ex-officio,* Chairman; Superintendent, Department Supervisors, Assistant Superintendent, Secretaries, Treasurer, Librarian, Teachers, and Sunday School Committee of three persons appointed by the Church Board.

ART. IV. *Officers. Section* 1. The Superintendent shall be elected annually, by ballot, by the Sunday School Board, subject to approval by the Church Board.

Sec. 2. The other officers of the school shall be elected by the Sunday School Board, at its annual meeting.

Sec. 3. Teachers shall be nominated by the Superintendent, with concurrence of the Pastor, and elected by the Sunday School Board at the following meeting.

ART. V. *Duties. Section* 1. Duties of the Superintendent: To preside at all meetings of the Board in the absence of the Pastor; to have charge of the opening and closing exercises of the Sunday school; to organize classes, appoint teachers, and fill vacancies.

Sec. 2. Duties of the Assistant Superintendent: To cooperate with the Superintendent in every way to promote the best interests of the school, and, in the absence of the Superintendent, to have general supervision of the school.

Sec. 3. Duties of Department Supervisors: To have general supervision of their respective Departments, and, in conjunction with the Superintendent, to organize classes, appoint teachers, and fill vacancies.

Sec. 4. Duties of Corresponding and Recording Secretary: To keep a correct record of all meetings of the Board and attend to all correspondence.

Sec. 5. Duties of the Secretary: To make and report each Sunday a correct record of the attendance of officers, teachers, and pupils; to collect and keep account of all money received and pay it to the Treasurer, taking receipt for same.

Sec. 6. Duties of the Treasurer: To receive all funds, and keep a correct account of receipts and expenditures; to pay out said funds only on order of the Board, signed by the Secretary and approved by the Superintendent; to give a report of receipts and expenditures to the Board at each regular meeting.

Sec. 7. Duties of the Librarian: To have charge of all the Sunday school literature and periodicals.

ART. VI. *Section* 1. Regular meetings of this Board shall be held the ..... of January, April, July, and October of each year, at which the following order of business shall be observed:

1. Singing and prayer.
2. Calling roll.
3. Reading of Minutes.
4. Unfinished business.
5. Reports from committees.
6. Reports from Superintendents.
7. Report from Treasurer.

8. Report from the Librarian, concerning the literature taken by the school.
9. Reports from the Sunday School Committee and the teachers.
10. Miscellaneous.

Sec. 2. The annual meeting shall be held on the ..... in each year.

Sec. 3. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Superintendent at such times as he may deem necessary.

Sec. 4. At all meetings for business of this Board, ... persons shall constitute a quorum.

ART. VII. This Constitution shall not be altered except by two-thirds of all the members present at a meeting called for that purpose, having been announced at the previous meeting, and such alterations must be in accordance with the provisions of the Manual of the Church of the Nazarene.

CHAPTER II

¶ 395. CONSTITUTIONS FOR NAZARENE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES

§ 1. General Nazarene Young People's Societies

ARTICLE I. *Membership.* All District and Local Nazarene Young People's Societies shall constitute the General Nazarene Young People's Society.

ART. II. *The General Convention. Section* 1. Immediately preceding or during each General Assembly the General Convention of the General Nazarene Young People's Society shall convene. The length and time that the convention shall be in session shall be decided upon by the Executive Committee in consultation with the General Superintendents.

Sec. 2. The Executive Committee shall announce the

time and place of the General Convention at least ninety (90) days previous.

ART. III. *Delegates to the General Convention. Section* 1. Each District N. Y. P. S. Convention preceding the General Assembly shall elect one delegate for each 500 or less members, and one additional delegate for each additional 500 members or major fraction thereof.

Sec. 2. Districts not having a District organization shall elect delegates to the General Convention at the preceding District Assembly on the same basis as in Section 1. Such delegates must be members of the N. Y. P. S.

ART. IV. *Executive Committee.* The General Convention shall elect a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and four persons who shall represent different departments of the Society, all of whom shall constitute the Executive Committee.

ART. V. *Duties of the Executive Committee. Section* 1. The President shall have charge of the Organization Department. He shall also preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee and at the General Conventions.

Sec. 2. The Secretary shall perform the usual duties devolving upon such an officer. He shall not have charge of any of the several departments of the Executive Committee.

Sec. 3. The Treasurer shall perform the usual duties devolving upon such an officer. He shall not have charge of any of the several departments of the Executive Committee.

Sec. 4. The duty of the member in charge of the Missionary work shall be to direct all missionary activities of the N. Y. P. S. and to work in harmony with the District and Local Societies. Said member shall consult with the Department of Foreign Missions of the General Board and thus acquaint all Local Societies with the activities of that department.

Sec. 5. The duty of the member in charge of the Evangelistic work shall be to work in harmony with the District

and Local Evangelistic Committee in directing the evangelistic efforts of the society.

Sec. 6. The duty of the member in charge of Organization shall be to work in harmony with the District Committees on Organization and to assist in the organization of societies in those Districts and churches where none exist.

Sec. 7. The duty of the member in charge of Literature shall be to arrange for the publication and distribution of lesson topics and outlines, and other literature needful for the advancement of the societies.

Sec. 8. The duty of the member in charge of the work of the District Conventions shall be to work in harmony with the several District Committees in arranging for District and Local Conventions and Rallies.

Sec. 9. Said members in charge of these several departments shall direct and supervise their work, but general policies and particular plans shall be initiated only in consultation with the remaining members of the Executive Committee.

ART. VI. The Executive Committee, in consultation with the Board of General Superintendents, shall fill any vacancy that may occur in their number between General Conventions.

ART. VII. The General Superintendents shall be *ex-officio* members of the Executive Committee, and all work of said committee shall be subject to the sanction of the Board of General Superintendents.

ART. VIII. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds favorable vote of all members present and voting at the General Nazarene Young People's Society Convention, and by the approval of the General Assembly.

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§ 2. District Nazarene Young People's Societies

ARTICLE I. All Nazarene Young People's Societies within the boundaries of ..... District shall be mem-

bers of the District N. Y. P. S. upon proper notice of their society by the District Secretary.

Art. II. *Section* 1. The District Nazarene Young People's Convention shall be composed of the District Superintendent, pastors of local churches, presidents of local societies, and two delegates from each local society of 25 members or less, and one additional delegate for each additional 25 members or major fraction thereof.

Sec. 2. One delegate shall be appointed by the pastor of each church not having a fully organized N. Y. P. S.

Art. III. There shall be an Annual Convention of the District N. Y. P. S. at which reports shall be received from the officers and committee chairmen and the presidents or representatives of the various local societies. At this time campaigns and goals for the ensuing year will be presented and acted upon and all other business pertaining to the success of the District N. Y. P. S.

Art. IV. *Section* 1. At the Annual Convention of the District N. Y. P. S. there shall be elected by ballot the following officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Their duties shall be those usually pertaining to such offices.

Sec. 2. The election of the president of the District N. Y. P. S. shall be subject to the approval of the District Advisory Board.

Art. V. At the Annual Convention of the District N. Y. P. S. there shall be ordered standing Missionary, Evangelistic, Organization, Literature, and Convention Committees.

Art. VI. *Section* 1. The District Committee shall consist of the officers of the District N. Y. P. S., chairmen of the different standing committees, presidents of the various local societies, and the District Superintendent. This committee shall meet at the Annual Convention, and at special call of the president or secretary and shall plan for the

best interests of the District N. Y. P. S. and so far as possible see that these plans are executed.

Sec. 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the District N. Y. P. S. and the District Superintendent. This committee shall meet upon the special call of the president or secretary at such time as it is found impossible to convene the District Committee. Notices of all meetings of the Executive Committee shall be sent to the various presidents of the local societies at which meeting they shall be privileged to sit when possible.

ART. VII. The expenses of the District N. Y. P. S. may be taken care of by whatever plan is deemed wise by the Executive Committee.

ART. VIII. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds favorable vote of all members present and voting at the District N. Y. P. S. Convention.

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§ 3. Local Nazarene Young People's Societies

ARTICLE I. The society shall be called the Nazarene Young People's Society of the ..... Church of the Nazarene.

ART. II. The object of the society shall be to build up its members in Christian experience and in holy character, and to instruct them in the doctrines of the Church, and to bring about the salvation of other young people. The activities of this Society shall be distinctively religious and spiritual.

ART. III. *Section* 1. Members of this society shall be divided into three classes: Active, Associate, and Honorary.

Sec. 2. Active members of this society shall be young people between the ages of fourteen and forty, and who are members of the Church of the Nazarene.

Sec. 3. Associate members shall be young people between the ages of fourteen and forty who are of good moral character and give testimony to the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Sec. 4. Honorary members shall be Christian men and women above forty years of age who desire to be affiliated with the society.

Sec. 5. Only active members shall vote in the business meetings of the society, and only active members shall hold office and serve as chairmen of standing committees.

Sec. 6. Associate members shall have the privilege of holding membership on the committees of the N. Y. P. S., but only to minority extent.

ART. IV. The officers and chairmen of standing committees, with the pastor as *ex-officio* chairman, shall constitute an Executive Committee.

ART. V. *Section* 1. Regular business meetings of this society shall be held on dates fixed by the society.

Sec. 2. The annual meeting for the election of officers shall be held at the beginning of the Assembly year. The President shall be nominated by a nominating committee of which the Pastor shall be a member, and shall be elected by a majority vote of the active members present and voting by ballot. This election shall be subject to the approval of the Church Board.

Sec. 3. Special meetings of the society may be called by the President or Pastor at such times as may be necessary.

Sec. 4. At all meetings of this society ..... shall constitute a quorum.

ART. VI. This society may have Devotional, Evangelistic, Membership, Missionary, Visiting, Music, and such other committees as desired.

ART. VII. *Section* 1. The officers of this society shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer.

Sec. 2. Any officer may be removed by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

ART. VIII. The duties of the President shall be to preside over all business meetings and to have general oversight of the society. He shall make a monthly report of the spir-

itual and financial status of the society to the Church Board.

Art. IX. The duties of the Vice-President are to cooperate with the President in every way to carry out the work of the society, and in the absence of the President to perform his duties in office.

Art. X. *Section* 1. The Recording Secretary shall keep a correct record of all proceedings in business meetings and in Executive Committee meetings.

Sec. 2. The Corresponding Secretary shall attend to all matters of correspondence for the society.

Art. XI. The Treasurer shall take charge of, and disburse, all monies of the society, keeping a correct account of the same. He shall render a report of all monies raised at the annual District N. Y. P. S. Convention.

Art. XII. The Devotional Committee shall appoint all leaders, arrange for topics, and have general oversight of the pre-prayer services and of all spiritual work of the society.

Art. XIII. The Evangelistic Committee shall arrange for, and have charge of, all special services, such as N. Y. P. S. evangelistic campaigns, open-air services, hospital and jail meetings, *et cetera,* under the advice and supervision of the Pastor.

Art. XIV. The Membership Committee shall be on the lookout for new members and report to the society such names as are acceptable for membership.

Art. XV. The Missionary Committee shall have charge of all missionary activities of the society, planning for and directing the same, under the advice and supervision of the Pastor.

Art. XVI. The Visiting Committee shall visit the sick and absent members of the society.

Art. XVII. The Music Committee shall have general charge of the music of the society, arranging for special numbers and for all musical programs.

Art. XVIII. This Constitution shall not be altered except by two-thirds vote of all members present at a meet-

ing called for that purpose, having been announced at a previous meeting, and such alterations must be in accordance with the provisions of the Manual of the Church of the Nazarene and have the approval of the Pastor and of the Church Board.

CHAPTER III

¶ 396. WOMAN'S GENERAL MISSIONARY COUNCIL

ARTICLE I. *Name.* This organization shall be called the Woman's General Missionary Council of the Church of the Nazarene, and shall work in harmony with, and under the direction of, the Department of Foreign Missions of the General Board.

ART. II. *Object.* The object of this Council shall be to plan and encourage the work of the Woman's Missionary Society throughout the various Districts.

ART. III. *Members.* The Council shall consist of sixteen members elected by the General Assembly of whom fourteen shall be elected from the United States, one from the British Isles, and one from Canada.

ART. IV. *Officers.* This Council shall meet every four years in connection with the General Assembly. At this time, when the Woman's General Council has been elected for the ensuing four years, it shall elect the following officers by ballot: A President, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Superintendent of Study and Publicity. These officers shall constitute an Executive Committee.

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Section 1. The Executive Committee shall transact business in the interim of the quadrennial meetings of the General Council. Three shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the

Woman's General Missionary Council, and of the Executive Committee. It shall be her duty to advance earnestly the interests of the woman's missionary work throughout the Districts.

Sec. 3. The First Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in her absence.

Sec. 4. The Second Vice-President shall have charge of missionary activities among the children.

Sec. 5. The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the General Council. She shall keep a record of all District Societies, and see that they are supplied with information. She shall endeavor to interest them in the organization of new missionary societies in their Districts, and in the duties of Christian stewardship. She shall furnish quarterly report blanks to the District Corresponding Secretaries, and shall make quarterly reports to the President of the Woman's General Missionary Council, and a quadrennial report to the Woman's General Missionary Council and the Department of Foreign Missions of the General Board; also an annual report for publication, and a condensed report for the General Assembly. She shall send out notices of all meetings of the Woman's General Missionary Council and of the Executive Committee, and keep the Minutes of each meeting on record.

Sec. 6. The Treasurer shall receive all funds sent by District Treasurers of the Woman's District Missionary Societies and by Treasurers of local Missionary Societies where no District Society has been organized. She shall keep an account with each of the same and have her book audited annually. It shall be her duty to forward all funds collected for the general missionary fund to the General Treasurer of the Church of the Nazarene, and to disburse the Relief and Retirement Fund on written order of the President and the Secretary of the Woman's General Missionary Council. She shall make quarterly reports to the President of the Woman's General Missionary Council, and also an

annual report for publication. She shall also prepare a quadrennial report for the Woman's General Missionary Council and for the Department of Foreign Missions of the General Board of the Church and for the General Assembly.

Sec. 7. The Superintendent of Study and Publicity shall give direction concerning mission study in all organized Districts and to the circulation of study helps.

PART VIII

FORMS

I. FOR USE OF LOCAL CHURCH

II. FOR USE OF DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

III. BILLS OF CHARGES

CHAPTER I

FOR USE OF LOCAL CHURCH

¶ 397. Recommendation to the District Assembly

The Church Board of the ..... Church of the Nazarene at ..... recommends A.... B.... to the ..... District Assembly for *.....

We certify that .... has fulfilled all the requirements for such request.

By vote of the Church Board this .... day of .... 192..

.....*Chairman.*

.....*Secretary.*

* Minister's License.
Renewal of Minister's License.
Song Evangelist's Commission.
District Deaconess' License.
Consecration as Deaconess.

NOTE.—This form may be used for five different recommendations. Use the starred (*) phrase you need.

¶ 398. Certificate of Commendation

This certifies that A.... B.... is a member of the Church of the Nazarene at ....., and is hereby commended to the Christian confidence of those to whom this Certificate may be presented.

.....*Pastor.*

NOTE.—When a Certificate of Commendation is given a person his membership immediately ceases in the Church issuing the Certificate.

¶ 399. Letter of Dismissal

This certifies that A.... B.... has been until this date a member of the Church of the Nazarene at ..... and, at h... request, is granted this letter of dismissal.

.....*Pastor.*

Date, ...192...

NOTE.—Membership terminates immediately upon issuance of a Letter of Dismissal.

¶ 400. Transfer of Members

This certifies that A.... B.... is a member in good standing in the Church of the Nazarene at ....., and, at h... request, is hereby transferred to the Church of the Nazarene at ..... in the .....District.

When the reception of this transfer is acknowledged by the receiving Church, membership in this Church will cease.

.....*Pastor.*

.....192.. .....*Address.*

¶ 401. Transfer Acknowledged

This certifies that A.... B.... has been received into membership by the Church of the Nazarene at ..... this ..... day of .....192...

.....*Pastor.*

.....*Address.*

¶ 402. Local Preacher's License

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that ..... is Licensed as a Local Preacher in the Church of the Nazarene for one year; *provided,* ..... spirit and practice are such as become the Gospel of Christ, and ..... teachings correspond with the established doctrines of the Holy Scriptures as held by said Church.

By Order of the Church Board of the .....
Church of the Nazarene.
Done at ....., the .....day of .....19...
....
SECRETARY. CHAIRMAN.

¶ 403. Local Deaconess' License

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that ..... is a Local Deaconess in the ..... Church of the Nazarene for one year; *provided,* her spirit and practice are such as become the Gospel of Christ, and she holds to the established doctrines of the Holy Scriptures as held by said Church.

By Order of the Church Board of the .....
Church of the Nazarene.
Done at ....., the .....day of .....19...
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SECRETARY. CHAIRMAN.

CHAPTER II

FOR USE OF DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

¶ 404. Ordination

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That, under the protection of Almighty God, and with an eye single to His glory, by prayer and other religious services, ... has this day been set apart for the office of Elder in the Church of God, according to the rules of the Church of the Nazarene, ... being judged worthy and well qualified for that work by the ..... District Assembly, and .... is hereby recommended to all whom it may concern as a proper person to administer the Sacraments and Ordinances and to feed the flock of Christ so long as .... spirit and practice are such as become the Gospel of Christ and .... continueth to hold fast the form of sound words according to the established doctrines of the Gospel.

In Testimony Whereof we have hereunto set our hands and the seal of the Church, this ..... day of ..... in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and .....
Done at .....

.....
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT.

.....
SECRETARY OF THE ASSEMBLY.

¶ 405. Certificate of Recognition

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That, under the protection of Almighty God, and with an eye single to His glory, ...has this day been recognized as an Elder in the Church of God, according to the rules of the Church of the Nazarene, ... being judged worthy and well qualified for that work by the ..... District Assembly, and .... is hereby recommended to all whom it may concern as a proper person to administer the Sacraments and Ordinances and to feed the flock of Christ so long as .... spirit and practice are such as become the Gospel of Christ and .... continueth to hold fast the form of sound words according to the established doctrines of the Gospel.

In Testimony Whereof we have hereunto set our hands and the seal of the Church, this ..... day of ..... in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and .....
Done at .....

....
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT.

.....
SECRETARY OF THE ASSEMBLY.

¶ 406. Minister's License

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that ..... is Licensed as a Minister of the Gospel in the Church of the Nazarene for one year; *provided,* ..... spirit and practice are such as become the Gospel of Christ, and ..... ministry corresponds with the established doctrines of the Holy Scriptures as held by said Church.

By Order of ..... District Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene.

Done at ....., the ..... day of .....19..

.....
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT.

.....
SECRETARY OF THE ASSEMBLY.

¶ 407. Deaconess' Certificate

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that ..... has this day been consecrated to the office of Deaconess in the Church of God, according to the rules of the Church of the Nazarene, she being judged worthy and well qualified for that work by the ..... District Assembly, and she is hereby recommended to all whom it may concern as a proper person to do the work of a Deaconess so long as her spirit and practice are such as become the Gospel of Christ and she continueth to hold fast the form of sound faith according to the established doctrines of the Gospel.

In Testimony Whereof we have hereunto set our hands and the seal of the Church, this ..... day of ..... in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and .....

Done at .....

.....
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT.

.....
SECRETARY OF THE ASSEMBLY.

¶ 408. Deaconess' License

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that ..... is a Licensed Deaconess in the Church of the Nazarene for one year; *provided,* her spirit and practice are such as become the Gospel of Christ, and she holds to the established doctrines of the Holy Scriptures as held by said Church.

By Order of ..... District Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene.

Done at ....., the ..... day of .....19..

.....
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT.

.....
SECRETARY OF THE ASSEMBLY.

¶ 409. Evangelist's Commission

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that ..... is a regularly Commissioned Evangelist in the Church of the Nazarene, having been commissioned by the ..... District Assembly.

This Commission is for one year from date, and ..... field of labor to be more especially the .....
.....

.....
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT.

.....
SECRETARY OF THE ASSEMBLY.

....., 19....

¶ 410. Song Evangelist's Commission

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that ..... is a regularly Commissioned Song Evangelist in the Church of the Nazarene, having been commissioned by the ..... District Assembly.

This Commission is for one year from date, and ..... field of labor to be more especially the .....
.....

.....
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT.

.....
SECRETARY OF THE ASSEMBLY.

....., 19....

¶ 411. Transfer by District Assembly

....., the bearer, a
.....
[ELDER, LICENSED MINISTER, DEACONESS]
of the ..... District Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene, having requested a transfer, is hereby recommended to the ..... District Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene.

Done by order of the ..... District Assembly, held at ....., on the ..... day of ..... 19..

.....
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT.

.....
SECRETARY OF THE ASSEMBLY.

To the President of the ..... District Assembly.

¶ 412. Transfer by District Advisory Board

....., the bearer, a
.....
[ELDER, LICENSED MINISTER, DEACONESS]
of the ..... District Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene, having requested a transfer, is hereby recommended to the ..... District Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene.

Done by order of the.....District Advisory Board, on the ..... day of ..... 19....

.....
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT.

.....
SECRETARY OF ADVISORY BOARD.

To the President of the ..... District Assembly.

¶ 413. Acknowledgment of Reception of Transfer

To the Secretary of the
..... District Assembly.

This notifies you that the transfer of ..... has been duly received by the ..... District Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene, held at ....., on the ..... day of ..... 19..., and the above named bearer enrolled in this Assembly.

.....
DISTRICT SECRETARY.

The Secretary of the receiving Assembly will please mail this acknowledgment immediately to .....
SECRETARY OF

.....
ISSUING ASSEMBLY.

Whose address is .....

CHAPTER III

BILLS OF CHARGES

¶ 414. In Trial of an Elder

¶ 415. In Trial of a Licensed Minister

Bills of Charges can be secured from the Nazarene Publishing House, 2109 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, Mo.

PART IX

COURSES OF STUDY

I. FOR LICENSED MINISTERS

II. FOR LOCAL PREACHERS

III. FOR LICENSED DEACONESSES

CHAPTER I

COURSES OF STUDY

¶ 416. For Licensed Ministers

FIRST YEAR

1. BIBLE — *The Pentateuch.* (No text-book required.)
2. THEOLOGY. Binney's or Ellyson's Compend.
3. HISTORY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH. Hurst.
4. ESSENTIALS OF AMERICAN HISTORY. Hart.
   [Districts outside of the United States will select a standard history of their own country.]
5. ELEMENTARY ENGLISH. Hitchcock.
6. THE CHURCH MANUAL. ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER.

To be read —

1. PREACHER AND PRAYER. Bounds.
   TEMPTATION. Williams.
2. PERFECT LOVE. Wood. WESLEY'S TEN SERMONS.
3. ALL ABOUT THE BIBLE. Collett.
4. A PRINCE IN ISRAEL. Girvin.
5. HERALD OF HOLINESS.

SECOND YEAR

1. BIBLE — *The Gospels and the Acts.* (No text-book required.)
2. SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY. Miley, Parts I and II. Or, ELEMENTS OF DIVINITY. Ralston.
3. HISTORY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH. Hurst.
4. THE MAKING OF THE SERMON. Pattison.
5. ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF MISSIONS. Leonard.
6. PARAGRAPH WRITING. Scott and Denney.

To be read —

1. TONGUE OF FIRE. Arthur.

2. Hints to Self-Educated Ministers. Porter.
3. Christian Perfection as Taught by John Wesley. Wood.
4. Wesley and His Century. Fitchett.
5. Herald of Holiness.

Third Year

1. Bible — *Major and Minor Prophets.* (No text-book required.)
2. Systematic Theology. Miley, Parts III and IV. Or, Elements of Divinity. Ralston.
3. The Work of the Ministry. Pattison.
4. Holiness and Power. Hills.
5. History of the Christian Church. Hurst.
6. History of English Literature. Halleck.

To be read —

1. Old Testament History. Smith.
2. Lectures on Preaching. Simpson.
3. Two Thousand Years of Missions Before Carey. Barnes.
4. Life of John G. Paton.
5. Herald of Holiness.

Fourth Year

1. Bible — *Epistles.* (No text-book required.)
2. Systematic Theology. Miley, Parts V and VI. Or, Elements of Divinity. Ralston.
3. Sunday School Teacher's Training Course. Hurlbut.
4. History of the Christian Church. Hurst.
5. Psychology. Halleck.
6. Principles of Argumentation. Baker and Huntington.

To be read —

1. New Testament History. Smith.
2. The Gospel of the Comforter. Steele.
3. Possibilities of Grace. Lowrey.
4. The Preacher: His Life and Work. Jowett.
5. Herald of Holiness.

CHAPTER II

¶ 417. For Local Preachers

First Year

1. Bible — *Pentateuch.*
2. History of the Christian Church. Hurst.
3. Elementary English. Hitchcock.

To be read —

1. Preacher and Prayer. Bounds.
2. Wesley's Ten Sermons.
3. All About the Bible. Collett.
4. Herald of Holiness.

Second Year

1. Theology. Binney's or Ellyson's Compend.
2. Essentials of American History. Hart.
   [Districts outside of the United States will select a standard history of their own country.]
3. Church Manual and Roberts Rules of Order.

To be read —

1. Perfect Love. Wood.
2. Temptation. Williams.
3. A Prince in Israel. Girvin.
4. Herald of Holiness.

CHAPTER III

¶ 418. For Licensed Deaconesses

First Year

1. Bible — *The Gospel of Luke.*
2. Home Nurse's Handbook. Aikens.
3. Church Catechism.

To be read —

1. The Bible Christian. Short.

2. Life of Hester Ann Rogers.
3. History of the Christian Church. Hurst.
4. Herald of Holiness.

Second Year

1. Bible — 1 *Thessalonians*, 1 *Peter*, 1 *John*.
2. Theology. Binney's or Ellyson's Compend.
3. Church Manual.

To be read —

1. Hidden Manna. Baker.
2. A Prince in Israel. Girvin.
3. History of the Christian Church. Hurst.
4. Herald of Holiness.

APPENDIX

I. POSTOFFICE ADDRESSES OF GENERAL OFFICERS.

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V. RULES OF ORDER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

CHAPTER I

POSTOFFICE ADDRESSES OF GENERAL OFFICERS

¶ 419, § 1. General Superintendents

[CONSTITUTING THE BOARD OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS.]

J. W. GOODWIN, *President*.....1850 Sierra Bonita Avenue
Pasadena, California.

H. F. REYNOLDS, *Secretary*.....2905 Troost Avenue.
Kansas City, Missouri.

R. T. WILLIAMS.....208 N. Rosemont Avenue,
Dallas, Texas.

§ 2. Missionary Superintendents

J. D. SCOTT, *Latin America*...Guatemala City, Guatemala,
Central America.

J. E. BATES, *Far East*.....1179 Bresee Avenue,
Pasadena, California.

GEORGE SHARPE, *Near East*....14 Muiryfauld Drive, Parkhead, Glasgow, Scotland.

¶ 420. General Secretary

E. J. FLEMING.....2905 Troost Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

¶ 421. General Treasurer

E. G. ANDERSON.....2905 Troost Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

¶ 422. Editor Herald of Holiness

J. B. CHAPMAN.....2109 Troost Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

¶ 423. Editor Sunday School Periodicals

E. P. ELLYSON.....2109 Troost Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

CHAPTER II

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

¶ 424. The General Board

Chairman, H. F. Reynolds.
President, F. M. Messenger.
First Vice-Pres., J. T. Benson.
Second Vice-Pres., E. L. Hawkes.
Secretary, E. J. Fleming.
Treasurer, E. G. Anderson.

[Elected by the General Assembly.]

F. M. Messenger....314 W. Superior Street, Chicago, Ill.
C. B. Jernigan.....Bethany, Okla.
J. T. Little.....105 Ivy St., Nampa, Idaho
C. A. McConnell.....Bethany, Okla.
J. F. Sanders.....University Park, Pasadena, Cal.
J. N. Speakes.....2905 Troost Ave., Kansas City, Mo.
J. T. Benson.....Gallatin Road, Nashville, Tenn.
Dr. Edwin Burke.....334 N. Laramie St., Chicago, Ill.
J. W. Short.....5750 Lowell Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.
J. E. Bates.....1179 Bresee Ave., Pasadena, Cal.
E. L. Hawkes.....2070 LaFrance Ave., So. Pasadena, Cal.
R. B. Mitchum....167½ Printer's Alley, Nashville, Tenn.
E. J. Fleming.....2905 Troost Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

§ 1. *Department of Foreign Missions*

J. T. Benson, *President* E. G. Anderson, *Secretary*
C. A. McConnell J. E. Bates J. T. Little

§ 2. *Department of Home Missions and Evangelism*

J. W. Short, *President* C. B. Jernigan, *Secretary*
J. T. Little, *Vice-President*

§ 3. *Department of Publication*

F. M. MESSENGER, *President* J. F. SANDERS, *Secretary*
E. G. ANDERSON E. L. HAWKES JOHN T. BENSON

§ 4. *Department of Church Extension*

Dr. EDWIN BURKE, *President* J. N. SPEAKES, *Secretary*
R. B. MITCHUM, *Vice-President*

§ 5. *Department of Ministerial Relief*

F. M. MESSENGER, *President* E. J. FLEMING, *Secretary*
J. W. SHORT

¶ 425. General Board of Education

[ELECTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.]

J. B. CHAPMAN, *Pres.*, 2109 Troost Ave., Kansas City, Mo.
H. ORION WILEY, *Secretary*.....Nampa Idaho
FLOYD W. NEASE.....Wollaston, Mass.
C. E. HARDY.....Trevecca Campus, Nashville, Tenn.
LEROY D. PEAVEY.....108 Marshall St., Watertown, Mass.
N. W. SANFORD.....Olivet, Ill.
A. K. BRACKEN.....Bethany, Okla.
C. B. WIDMEYER.....University Park, Pasadena, Cal
C. E. THOMSON.....Didsbury, Alberta, Canada
G. B. COLLINS.....Siloam Springs, Ark.

¶ 426. General Board of Ministerial Relief

[ELECTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.]

F. M. MESSENGER, *Pres.*, 314 W. Superior St., Chicago, Ill.
DAVID ANDERSON, *Vice-Pres.*, 6417 Eggleston Ave., Chicago
E. J. FLEMING, *Secretary-Treasurer*.....Kansas City, Mo.
C. L. BRADLEY.....1311 Broad St., Flint, Mich.
MERVEL LUNN.....2109 Troost Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

¶ 427. General Orphanage Board

[Elected by the General Assembly.]

Theodore Ludwig, *President*.....St. Louis, Mo.
Mrs. Bessie Williams, *Vice-President*,
314 Bois d'Arc Street, Ft. Worth, Texas
Miss J. Iva Hilyard, *Secretary*,
357 W. Sixty-third Street, Chicago, Ill.
Mrs. Carrie Crow Sloan, 514 Jackson St., East Liverpool, O.
G. B. Collins.....Siloam Springs, Ark.
Mrs. John T. Benson.....Gallatin Road, Nashville, Tenn.
Tim H. Moore.....403½ Union St., Nashville, Tenn.
H. D. Brown..8729 Thirteenth Ave., N. W., Seattle, Wash.

¶ 428. General Court of Appeals

[Elected by the General Assembly.]

H. D. Brown, *Pres.*, 8729 13th Ave., N. W., Seattle, Wash.
J. E. L. Moore, *Secretary*.....242 N. Walcott Street
Indianapolis, Ind.
E. A. Girvin.....600 Kerckhoff Bldg., Los Angeles, Cal.
E. E. Angell.....Wollaston, Mass.
C. E. Hardy.....Trevecca Campus, Nashville, Tenn.

¶ 429. General Sunday School Committee

E. P. Ellyson, *President*.....Hutchinson, Kas.

[Nominated by the General Assembly, Appointed by the General Board.]

C. J. Kinne, *Vice-President*.....2824 Blanchard Street,
Los Angeles, Cal.
P. H. Lunn, *Secretary*, 2109 Troost Ave., Kansas City, Mo.
D. J. Smith.....11 Cumberland St., San Francisco, Cal.
David Anderson.....6417 Eggleston Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Mrs. John T. Benson.....Gallatin Road, Nashville, Tenn.
Orval J. Nease.....8 High St., Malden, Mass.

¶ 430. General N. Y. P. S. Executive Committee

[Approved by the General Assembly.]

D. J. Smith, *Pres.*, 11 Cumberland St., San Francisco, Cal.
D. Shelby Corlett, *Secretary*, 576 E. 10th St., Upland, Cal.
Miss Gladys A. Beers, *Treas.*, 24 Acorn St., Malden, Mass.

Departmental Workers

Organization .....The President.
Missionary .....S. S. White, Bethany, Okla.
Evangelism.....Jarrette E. Aycock, Atwood, Okla.
Literature .....Harry M. Messenger, Chicago, Ill
Conventions .....H. B. Macrory, Akron, Ohio.

¶ 431. Woman's General Missionary Council

[Elected by the General Assembly.]

Mrs. S. N. Fitkin, *President*.....271 Brooklyn Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Mrs. Paul Bresee, *First Vice-President*,...1126 Santee St., Los Angeles, Cal.
Mrs. Bertha Lillenas, *Second Vice-Pres.*, Indianapolis, Ind.
Mrs. R. G. Codding, *Secretary*.....2905 Troost Ave., Kansas City, Mo.
Mrs. John T. Benson, *Treasurer*.....Nashville, Tenn.
Miss Fannie Claypool, *Supt. Study and Publicity*, East Station, Nashville, Tenn.
Mrs. George Sharpe.....14 Muiryfauld Drive, Parkhead, Glasgow, Scotland
Mrs. W. B. Tait.....Morse, Saskatchewan, Can.
Mrs. H. F. Reynolds...2901 Troost Ave., Kansas City, Mo.
Mrs. J. H. Sloan....514 Jackson St., East Liverpool, Ohio
Mrs. E. G. Anderson..2823 Campbell St., Kansas City, Mo.
Mrs. E. J. Lord.....900 Fifth St., Newberg, Ore.
Mrs. Stella B. Crooks.....237 W. 61st St., Chicago, Ill.
Mrs. C. A. McConnell.....Bethany, Okla.
Mrs. E. G. Roberts.....712 Lynwood Ave., Phoenix, Ariz.
Mrs. Olive M. Gould.....197 Linden St., Everett, Mass.

¶ 432. Commission on Manual Revision

E. P. Ellyson, *Chairman*.....Hutchinson, Kas.
E. J. Fleming, *Secretary*.....Kansas City, Mo.
J. B. Chapman.....Bethany, Okla.
E. A. Girvin.....600 Kerckhoff Bldg., Los Angeles, Cal.
H. Orton Wiley.....Nampa, Idaho
John Gould.....197 Linden St., Everett, Mass.
P. L. Pierce.....Dallas, Texas

¶ 433. Editing Committee

J. B. Chapman H. Orton Wiley E. J. Fleming
E. A. Girvin J. E. L. Moore E. P. Ellyson
C. A. Kinder, Kansas City, Mo.

¶ 434. Book Committee

J. B. Chapman, *Chairman* H. Orton Wiley, *Secretary*
E. J. Fleming

¶ 435. Committee on Fraternal Relations

H. F. Reynolds J. W. Goodwin R. T. Williams
J. W. Short E. J. Fleming

¶ 436. Committee to Prepare Church History

E. E. Angell H. Orton Wiley J. B. Chapman

CHAPTER III

GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

¶ 437. Reduction in Membership of Various Boards

The General Council [General Board] recommend that the number of members of the following General Boards be reduced as follows:

General Board of Foreign Missions, from 12 to 5 members.

General Board of Publication, from 7 to 5 members.

General Board of Church Extension, from 7 to 3 members.

General Board of Home Missions, from 7 to 3 members.

The General Council [General Board] recommend that the following be the personnel of the present General Boards and nominate the same for election:

Board of Foreign Missions—C. A. McConnell, E. G. Anderson, J. T. Benson, J. E. Bates, J. T. Little.

Board of Publication—J. F. Sanders, F. M. Messenger, E. L. Hawkes, E. G. Anderson, J. T. Benson.

Board of Home Missions—C. B. Jernigan, J. W. Short, J. T. Little.

Board of Church Extension—J. N. Speakes, Dr Edwin Burke, R. B. Mitchum. [*Assembly of* 1923.]

¶ 438. Monthly Reports From Various Institutions

We recommend that all institutions, such as Education, Rescue Homes, Orphanages, of the entire denomination render a monthly report of all their receipts and disbursements to the General Treasurer. [WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, *Assembly of* 1923.]

¶ 439. Regarding Annuities

We recommend that our General Boards and institutions be prohibited from using annuities until such bequest has become the valid property by the death of the annuitant, and that such annuities be carefully invested in funds usually accepted as trust funds by the courts of our land. [WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, *Assembly of* 1923.]

¶ 440. Regarding Debt

We recommend that no institution incur any debt on the strength of pledges, and that pledges be not counted as assets until actually paid. [WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, *Assembly of* 1923.]

¶ 441. Regarding the Printing of District Minutes

Your committee [on PUBLISHING INTERESTS] have considered that part of the report of the Committee on Ways and Means referred to it, and recommend that the various Districts of the Church have their Assembly Minutes printed by our Publishing House. [*Assembly of* 1923.]

¶ 442. Standard Table of Contents

I. OFFICIAL
- (*a*) Officers of the Assembly and District.
- (*b*) District Boards.
- (*c*) Pastoral Arrangements.

II. ASSEMBLY ROLL.
- (*a*) Elders.
- (*b*) Licensed Ministers.
- (*c*) Consecrated Deaconesses.
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- (*e*) Presidents of N. Y. P. Societies.
- (*f*) Sunday School Superintendents.
- (*g*) Lay Members of Advisory Board.
- (*h*) Lay Delegates.

III. PLAN OF EXAMINATIONS.
IV. ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEES.
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(*b*) District Boards.
(*c*) Standing Committees.
(*d*) Treasurers.
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¶ 443. Election of Editor of Herald of Holiness

¶ 1. That the Editor of the *Herald of Holiness* be elected by the General Assembly for a term of four years. [COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS, *Assembly of* 1923.]

¶ 444. Relating to Credentials

That it is the sense of this committee that it is illegal to seat visitors not regularly elected as alternates in the place of delegates not present. [Adopted report of COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS, *General Assembly,* 1919.]

We find that these [visitors] not being elected alternates can not be seated. [Adopted by *General Assembly,* 1923.]

¶ 445. A Proposed Affiliation

WHEREAS, It has seemed good to the Church of Christ, Holiness (Colored), to send three representatives to convey fraternal greetings to the Church of the Nazarene, convened in Sixth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, The fraternal greetings of Rev. A. T. Rucker, the representative of this church present, have caused the Sixth General Assembly to rejoice in the sufficiency of God regardless of race; and

WHEREAS, The cause our brother represents is one lying near the hearts of many of our people; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Sixth General Assembly create a commission of three, one of whom shall be a General Superintendent, to confer, with power to act, with a similar commission of the Church of Christ, Holiness, to discuss the possibility of affiliation with the work of the Church of the Nazarene. The acts of the commission of this Assembly to be approved by the Board of General Superintendents.

(*Signed*) H. H. HOOKER, *Chairman;*
J. T. LITTLE, *Secretary;*
J. W. SHORT.

[*Assembly of* 1923.]

¶ 446. Concerning a General Nazarene Y. P. S.

We, your Committee on Young People's Societies, have considered Memorials No. 65 Northwest, No. 203 Indiana, and No. 177 Chicago Central, and recommend as follows:

That the General Assembly authorize the creation of a National [General] Nazarene Young People's Society.

Respectfully submitted,

(*Signed*) DONNELL J. SMITH, *Chairman;*
GLADYS A. BEERS, *Secretary.*

[*Assembly of* 1923.]

¶ 447. Concerning the General Superintendency

We recommend the election of three General Superintendents and that their salaries be $4,000 per year, and that an expense allowance be granted out of the general treasury to cover the actual traveling and other expenses directly connected with their administration; and that all special offerings received by them be turned into the General Expense account. We further recommend that they be granted one month's vacation each year.

We recommend that the British Isles be considered under

the jurisdiction of the General Superintendents. [*Assembly of* 1923.]

¶ 448. Unification of Holiness Bodies

WHEREAS, There is a widespread feeling that the holiness people of the various separate organizations should unite in a closer fellowship and service; and in at least some instances in organic union; and

WHEREAS, The Church of the Nazarene is now among the largest of the distinctive holiness churches; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this General Assembly order a committee of five to consist of three General Superintendents and two others appointed by the Board of General Superintendents, whose duty it shall be to meet any like committees that may be appointed by other bodies of holiness people for the purpose of considering any motions that may look toward the unification of the people known as "holiness people." This committee shall serve during the coming quadrennium, and shall report to the next General Assembly.

(*Signed*) J. B. CHAPMAN,
C. A. MCCONNELL.

[*Assembly of* 1923.]

¶ 449. Commission on Manual Revision

WHEREAS, There is much confusion resulting from the present method of Manual Revision, we do move:

1. That a Commission on Manual Revision consisting of seven members be created.

2. That Memorials of Revision be sent to the General Secretary any time during the quadrennium; *provided,* they be presented thirty days prior to the meeting of the General Assembly. The General Secretary shall make copies of each Memorial, preserve one copy in the Secretary's office, and forward a copy to each member of the commission.

3. The commission, five of whom shall constitute a quorum, shall meet at least one week prior to the meeting of the

General Assembly, take sufficient time to consider carefully and pass upon these Memorials and report to the General Assembly; and this report shall be considered by the General Assembly as the report of the Committee on Revision is now considered.

(*Signed*) E. P. Ellyson,
J. E. Bates,
John Gould,
J. W. Short,
W. H. Nerry.

[*Assembly of* 1923.]

¶ 450. Book Committee

Recommendation contained in Report No. 4, Committee on Publishing Interests:

Your committee have considered Memorial No. 81 Southern California, and recommend that this Assembly elect a Book Committee which shall pass upon all books and tracts offered for publication by our Publishing House. [*Assembly of* 1923.]

¶ 451. Near East Relief

2. We desire to commend the work done by the Near East Relief, and feel that the cause is most worthy. But, as the Church of the Nazarene has been doing relief work in the Near East and is carrying on the same at the present time, and no doubt will continue to do such work, we desire to advise our churches that when they have money for relief work that it be sent to the Headquarters of the Church of the Nazarene so that distribution can be made by constituted authority. [*Assembly of* 1923.]

¶ 452. American Bible Society

3. We feel that the work done by the American Bible Society is most commendable, and verily believe that the work could not be done by any other organization. But,

inasmuch as the Church of the Nazarene is laboring under the pressure of the problem of reconstruction along many lines, and as there is such an urgent call for funds from so many sources we do not feel that we could give the work a place in our general budget at this time; but any local church can open its doors to representatives of the American Bible Society if it desires to do so. We advise that each local church take at least one free-will offering annually for the American Bible Society; or, if in other territory, for the British and Foreign Bible Society. [*Assembly of* 1923.]

¶ 453. Election of Editor of Sunday School Periodicals

¶ 5. In concurrence with Memorial No. 298 Southern California, we most earnestly recommend that this General Assembly elect an Editor for our Sunday school periodicals. [COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS, *Assembly of* 1923.]

¶ 5. That the General Assembly elect the Editor of the Sunday school periodicals. [COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS, *Assembly of* 1923.]

¶ 454. Providing for Extension of Sunday School Work

6. Concurring with Memorial No. 62 Northwest, requesting an A-1 standard of efficiency for our Sunday Schools; No. 264 Kansas, requesting a course of study for daily vacation Bible school; Nos. 333 and 334 Michigan, requesting better help for our primary and junior departments; No. 107 Western Oklahoma and No. 325 San Antonio, requesting Teacher Training Study courses; No. 283 Chicago Central, requesting the election of a General Sunday School Secretary; No. 86 Southern California, requesting appointment of a Sunday School Committee, Teacher Training Course, and Graded Lessons for Primary Depart-

ment; therefore, in order that these most necessary requests may properly be provided for, we recommend:

a. That this General Assembly elect a General Sunday School Committee consisting of seven members (the Editor of the Sunday School periodicals to be one of the seven.)

b. This Sunday School Committee shall have full charge of all matters relating to our Sunday School lesson courses and helps, providing for Teacher Training Courses, and all general Sunday School interests.

c. This Sunday School Committee shall be authorized to ask an annual contribution of the Sunday Schools for general purposes not to exceed five cents per member. [Committee on Sunday Schools, *Assembly of* 1923.]

¶ 455. Regarding Secret Societies

On request, the General Superintendent presiding ruled that membership in or fellowship with oathbound, secret orders or fraternities is out of harmony with the spirit of the Manual. The Assembly sustained the ruling of the Chair by a unanimous standing vote. [*Assembly of* 1923.]

¶ 456. Concerning the Approved Constitution

Whereas, The adoption of a Constitution is so important a step in the progress of our Church; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the approved Constitution be submitted to the various Districts for their adoption, and finally acted upon by the Seventh General Assembly. [*Assembly of* 1923.]

¶ 457. Readoption of Certain Parts of the Manual

A motion, presented by E. A. Girvin, "That our action in approving Articles of Faith and General Rules as part of a Constitution be deemed to be the readoption as thus amended of the Articles of Faith and General Rules in our Manual of 1919," was adopted. [*Assembly of* 1923.]

¶ 458. Missionary Superintendency

Moved, That it is the sense of the General Assembly that our Church has had very insufficient superintendency on the foreign fields during the past, and that there should be definite arrangements made to remedy this condition. It is our sense that there should be three Missionary Superintendents, and that these should be given sufficient authority to enable them properly to organize and care for our work abroad.

We therefore ask that the General Board select three men whom the General Superintendents may appoint Superintendents of Missions — one for Latin America, one for Africa, India, and the Near East, and one for China and Japan — and that they authorize these Superintendents to organize and promote our work in agreement with our doctrines and policies. These Superintendents are to be subject to the Board of General Superintendents. [*Assembly of* 1923.]

¶ 459. Disposition of Orphanage Property

Moved, That we continue the General Orphanage Board and instruct them to dispose of our orphanage property at Peniel, Texas, either by transferring it to the Districts of the Southern Educational District, which Districts shall assume the indebtedness, or by selling the property, paying the debts, and holding the money for the disposition of the general Church. [*Assembly of* 1923.]

¶ 460. Constitutions of the N. Y. P. S.

Moved, That the three Constitutions of the Nazarene Young People's Society be incorporated in the Manual and that this General Assembly ratify the election of the Executive Committee of the General Nazarene Young People's Society, and that this committee be listed in the Manual with other General Boards and Committees. [*Assembly of* 1923.]

¶ 461. History of the Church of the Nazarene

WHEREAS, There has been referred to us Resolution No. 359, which we have carefully considered and in which we concur; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of General Superintendents be authorized and requested to appoint a committee of three, whose duty it shall be to write a history of the Church of the Nazarene, setting forth and showing how the Church of the Nazarene grew out of, and is still a part of, the Holiness Movement, and how it developed in the providence of God into its present strength and stature.

(*Signed*) E. A. GIRVIN, *Chairman;*
W. S. PURINTON, *Secretary.*

[COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, *Assembly of* 1923.]

¶ 462. Board Organization and Survey

In accordance with the wishes of this General Assembly, we, your special Committee on Ways and Means, have fully recognized the great responsibility placed upon us as a committee. From the resolution passed in this Assembly, we have been led to believe that it was your desire that we should carefully analyze the present financial condition of our Church, especially in all of its General Departments, with a view of finding a solution and a plan to meet the problem which confronts us at this time.

We have carefully and prayerfully considered all of the Memorials and Resolutions referred to this committee, as well as the kind and helpful suggestions made to us.

We find that under our present system of General Boards and their various plans and policies of financing, that the detail work has greatly increased, resulting in considerable overlapping and duplication, thereby causing extra expense. We sincerely believe that what we need at this time is not larger, but *more compact* organization, with a view to securing greater efficiency and economy in the administration

of the financial and business affairs of our Church, and at the same time obtain an uninterrupted flow of funds into our general treasury from the open purses of our generous constituency, which shall be equal to the growing need of all departments of our work.

Survey

We have made a careful survey of the financial reports of the various General Boards and some of our educational institutions, and we are glad to note that nearly all have adopted modern methods of bookkeeping, and are having their books of account audited annually, which is to be heartily commended. We do not believe it necessary to build an entirely new financial system; a good foundation has already been laid, and upon this can be erected a structure in accordance with present day accepted business uses. Therefore, we submit the following:

The Plan

1. That there be created The General Council [General Board], composed of fourteen members, as follows:

A member of the Board of General Superintendents, who shall be presiding officer; the General Treasurer, who shall be custodian of all funds belonging to the general interests of the Church, and who shall be elected by the General Assembly; and twelve members to be elected by this General Assembly.

2. That we proceed to elect a General Treasurer by ballot, whose salary shall be fixed at $3,500 per year.

3. That the Nominating Committee be requested to bring in twenty-four names from which twelve shall be elected by ballot; the twelve receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected.

4. Representation on The General Council [General Board] shall be equally divided between the ministers and laymen.

5. The General Council [General Board] shall meet at least once a year and shall transact all necessary business

relating to the financial and business affairs of the Church, and any other matters as may properly come before them. [*Assembly of* 1923.]

NOTE. By Assembly action membership of the General Board was increased to fifteen, thirteen of whom are to be elected by the General Assembly.

¶ 463. Concerning the Manner of Giving

1. We indorse and strongly recommend the adoption of the tithing system by the entire membership of our Church, and that a continuous campaign of education be undertaken by our District and General Superintendents and the Editors of our publications with the view to eventually securing the adoption of this scriptural method by every member of our Church. Also, that the pastors, evangelists, and District Superintendents preach two or more tithing sermons each year. We believe the solution of our financial problem depends largely upon the speed with which this is accomplished. [*Assembly of* 1923.]

¶ 464. Regarding Sunday School Statistics

3. Concurring with Memorial No. 317 Indiana, we recommend that: "In the annual District Assembly statistical report the Sunday schools of each District shall have a separate page in such statistical report, to report all money raised for different departments of the Church, at the option of each District." [COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS, *Assembly of* 1923.]

¶ 465. Time of Year for Holding the General Assembly

8. The Committee on Temporal Economy have had before them Memorial No. 103 Western Oklahoma, and we recommend that the General Assembly fix the time of meeting of the General Assembly in June instead of in the fall. [*Assembly of* 1923.]

¶ 466. Concerning Topical Arrangement in the Manual

4. Your committee [on REVISION] have considered Memorials No. 274 and No. 275 Tennessee, and recommend concurrence. The Memorials read as follows:

No. 274: That for simplicity all of our polity be so arranged as to possess more perfectly the principle of uniformity.

No. 275: That for simplicity all of our polity be so systematically arranged as to place under each topic all the functions of said topic rather than to scatter the functions of the topic in different parts of the Manual, as we do at present. [*Assembly of* 1923.]

¶ 467. Fixing the Time of Church Consolidation

2. We would recommend that the time when the Second General Assembly of our Church met at Pilot Point, Texas, and three streams of the "water of life" had their glorious confluence — one from the Pacific, one from the Atlantic, and one from the Gulf of Mexico — be recognized as the date when our Church wedding took place, and we were united as one people amidst scenes of rapture far transcending the possibilities of description. We would further recommend that the Board of General Superintendents be authorized to fix the exact date of this great spiritual marriage, and to make all necessary arrangements for its proper observance throughout our Church. [COMMITTEE FOR CORRECTION OF HISTORICAL STATEMENT, *Assembly of* 1923.]

¶ 468. Accredited Educational Institutions

2. We recommend that the following institutions be designated as the colleges of the Church in their several Districts; *provided,* they reach and maintain the standards set by the General Board of Education: (1) Eastern Nazarene College; (2) Trevecca College; (3) Olivet College;

(4) Bethany-Peniel College; (5) Northwest Nazarene College; (6) Pasadena College.

3. We recommend that the institutions at Hutchinson, Kansas, and Hamlin, Texas, be continued as local Bible Schools and Academies, with the same territory. [COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, *Assembly of* 1923.]

¶ 469. Raising the Funds to Free Educational Institutions From Indebtedness and to Provide Buildings and Equipment

6. We heartily concur, also, in the following recommendation of the General Board of Education, *i. e.*, "Inasmuch as our Publishing House is now out of debt, we recommend that during the next quadrennium the Church turn its attention to its educational institutions, and at as early date as possible raise a sufficient fund to free all of its institutions from indebtedness and provide the buildings and equipment necessary to meet the recognized standards of efficiency in educational work. This to be accomplished by each Educational District." [COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, *Assembly of* 1923.]

¶ 470. Report on Assembly Minutes

26. Your committee [on PASTORAL ARRANGEMENTS] have examined the Minutes of the various Assemblies, and find as follows:

That Alabama, Arkansas, Dallas, British Isles, Chicago Central, Eastern Colorado-Wyoming, Eastern Oklahoma, Hamlin, Iowa, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Little Rock, Manitoba-Saskatchewan, Michigan, Nebraska, New England, New York, North Pacific, North Dakota-Minnesota, Northwest, Ohio, Pittsburgh, South Dakota, San Antonio, Washington-Philadelphia, Western Colorado-Utah, Western Oklahoma have submitted printed Minutes for the full quadrennium in good form and order. Florida has sub-

mitted two printed Minutes and two in journal form, which were in good form and order.

Alberta, Idaho, Oregon, Missouri, New Mexico, Northern California, Southern California, and Tennessee have submitted copies for three years in correct form and good order. China, Montana, and Scandinavian have submitted printed Minutes in good form and order for the Assemblies held since their organization. Mississippi has submitted Minutes for two years in good form and order. Arizona, Georgia, Southwest (Mexican), and Minneapolis have submitted no Minutes.

As a number of Districts have failed to supply the General Church with the required 25 copies of the Minutes, we recommend that all Districts comply with the action of the Fifth General Assembly in this matter. As the printing and form adopted by our Publishing House excels most of the work done elsewhere and will develop a standard and uniform record, we recommend that the Districts have the printing of their Minutes done at our Publishing House. [*Assembly of* 1923.]

¶ 471. The State of the Church

[*Committee on State of the Church, Assembly of* 1923.]

The Fundamentals of Our Holy Religion

From various sources come reports of advancement and progress in the Church of the Nazarene. We are pleased to take note of this condition of progress and to note that there is no division in our Church on the fundamentals of our holy religion. Preachers and laymen have the one thought of propagating the whole Bible and full salvation. There may be some difference on the minor points of our Church work and doctrine, but we are united on the essential doctrines and practices.

Regarding the Church Rules

There seems to be no disposition on the part of the Church to lower the standards of our Church rules. But

there is a danger to which we wish to call attention: that of becoming lax in the keeping of these laws. Some of our people, we fear, are not observing the Sabbath day as it should be, and there is a tendency to disregard our rules on this and some other points. . . . We request our Ministry to do all within their power, both in the pulpit and by example, to preserve the sanctity of the holy Sabbath day.

Regarding the Proper Use of Church Buildings

We concur with Resolution No. 384, calling attention to the tendency of opening church buildings to social and other entertainment gatherings. This is a point where special attention should be given that nothing creep in that would hinder the spiritual life of the Church.

Regarding the Eighteenth Amendment

Concurring with Memorial No. 42 New York, we recommend that the following communication be forwarded to President Coolidge:

"The Sixth General Assembly, Church of the Nazarene, in session at Kansas City, Missouri, September 20 to October 2, 1923, wishes to call the attention of the President of these United States of America to the disregard of the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution. We appreciate everything that has been done to enforce this amendment, and respectfully request that every agency in the hands of the President be used to carry out the wishes of the great majority of this country."

Loyalty to Our Government

The committee reports concurrence with Resolution No. 389, that we, the General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene, hereby declare ourselves to be unswervingly loyal to our government, and patriotic in every respect; and that we extend our sympathy, and as far as possible with our doctrines and general rules as stated in the Manual, pledge our moral support to all people or organizations who oppose all attacks against our Holy Bible and its use in the public schools, and for the protection of our fair country against all secret propaganda that would impair the political, moral, or spiritual standing of our citizenship.

CHAPTER IV

APPROVED CONSTITUTION OF THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Preamble

¶ 472. In order that we may preserve our God-given heritage, the faith once delivered to the saints, especially the doctrine and experience of sanctification as a second work of grace, and also that we may co-operate effectually with other branches of the Church of Jesus Christ in advancing God's kingdom among men, we, the ministers and lay members of the Church of the Nazarene, in accordance with principles of constitutional legislation established among us, do hereby ordain, adopt, and set forth as the fundamental law or constitution of the Church of the Nazarene, the Articles of Faith, the General Rules, and the Articles of Organization and Government, here following, to wit:

Division I. Articles of Faith

I. *Of the Triune God*

¶ 473. We believe in one eternally existent, infinite God, Sovereign of the universe. That He only is God, creative and administrative, holy in nature, attributes, and purpose. That He, as God, is Triune in essential being, revealed as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

II. *Of Christ, the Son of God*

¶ 474. The eternally existent Son, the Second Person of the adorable Trinity, is Divine. As the Son of God, He became incarnate by the Holy Spirit, being born of the Virgin Mary, thus uniting with Himself, inseparably, the divinely begotten Son of Man, called Jesus. So that two whole and perfect natures — that is to say, the Godhead and manhood — are thus united in one person, very God and very man.

¶ 475. We believe that Christ truly rose again from the dead, and took again His body, with all things appertaining to the perfection of man's nature, wherewith He ascended into heaven, and there is engaged in intercession at the right hand of the Father until He shall come again.

III. *The Holy Spirit*

¶ 476. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Godhead, ever present and efficiently active in and with the Church of Christ, convincing the world of sin, regenerating those who repent and believe, sanctifying believers, and guiding into all truth as it is in Jesus.

IV. *The Holy Scriptures*

¶ 477. By the Holy Scriptures we understand the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, given by Divine inspiration, revealing the will of God concerning us in all things necessary to our salvation; so that whatever is not contained therein is not to be enjoined as an article of faith.

V. *The Second Coming of Christ*

¶ 478. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ will return to judge the quick and the dead; that we who are alive at His coming shall not precede them that are asleep in Christ Jesus; but that, if we are abiding in Him, we shall be caught up with the risen saints to meet the Lord in the air, so that we shall ever be with the Lord.

We do not, however, regard the numerous theories that gather around this Bible doctrine as essential to salvation; and so we concede full liberty of belief among the members of the Church of the Nazarene.

VI. *Original Sin or Depravity*

¶ 479. Original sin, or depravity, is that corruption of the nature of all offspring of Adam, by reason of which every one is very far gone from original righteousness, or the pure state of our first parents at the time of their creation, is averse to God, is without spiritual life, and is inclined to evil, and that continually. In the Scriptures it is

designated as "the carnal mind," "our old man," "the flesh," "sin that dwelleth in me," and similar expressions. It continues to exist with the new life of the regenerate, until eradicated or destroyed by the baptism with the Holy Spirit.

VII. *Atonement*

¶ 480. We believe that the atonement made by Jesus Christ through the shedding of His own blood for the remission of sins and the cleansing of the heart from all original sin, is the only ground of salvation, and is provided for every individual.

VIII. *Free Will*

¶ 481. The condition of man after the fall of Adam is such that he can not turn and prepare himself, by his own natural strength and works, to faith, and calling upon God; wherefore we have no power to do good works, pleasing and acceptable to God, without the grace of God by Christ assisting us, that we may have a good will, and working with us, when we have that good will.

IX. *Repentance*

¶ 482. Repentance is a sincere and thorough change of the mind in regard to sin, involving a sense of personal guilt and a voluntary turning from sin.

Repentance from sin and toward God is demanded of all who by act or attitude have become sinners against Him. Ability of will to repent is given all who know and deplore their guilt as sinners.

To all who will repent, the Spirit of God gives the gracious help of penitence of heart and hope of mercy, that they may believingly receive Christ as Lord and Savior, unto pardon and spiritual life.

X. *Justification*

¶ 483. Justification is that gracious and judicial act of God by which He grants full pardon of all guilt and complete release from penalty of sins committed, to all who

believingly receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. To all such He also grants acceptance as righteous through the merits of Jesus Christ.

XI. *Regeneration*

¶ 484. Regeneration is the new birth of the soul, through the gracious work of God, whereby the moral nature of the repentant believer is spiritually quickened and given a distinctively spiritual life, capable of faith, obedience, and love. This work of regeneration is simultaneous with justification.

XII. *Entire Sanctification*

¶ 485. Entire sanctification is that act of God, subsequent to conversion, by which regenerate believers are made free from inbred sin, and brought into the state of entire devotement to God and the holy obedience of love made perfect. It is provided for through the precious blood of Jesus and is wrought instantaneously by the baptism with the Holy Spirit, the conditions being entire consecration and appropriating faith; and to this work and state of grace the Holy Spirit bears witness.

NOTE.— This experience is also known by various terms, representing its different phases, such as "Christian Perfection," "Perfect Love," "Heart Purity," "The Baptism with the Holy Spirit," "The Fulness of the Blessing," and "Christian Holiness." There is a marked distinction between a perfect heart and a perfect character. The former is obtained in an instant, but the latter is the result of growth in grace. It is one thing to have the heart all yielded to God and occupied by Him; it is quite another thing to have the entire character in every detail, harmonize with His Spirit, and the life become "conformable to his image."

XIII. *Resurrection*

¶ 486. The Scriptures say concerning this glorious consummation of the walk and warfare of the children of God: "We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed" (1 Corinthians 15:

51, 52). "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent [precede] them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words" (1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18). "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation" (John 5: 28, 29).

XIV. *Destiny*

¶ 487. Concerning all who savingly believe in and obediently follow Jesus Christ our Lord, everlasting and glorious life, with rewards of grace in heaven, are assured. The fuller rewards and the greater glories are reserved until the resurrection of the saints and the day of judgment. It is equally certain that persistence in sin and the rejection of Christ and salvation will involve everlasting punishment and misery for the finally impenitent sinner.

XV. *Baptism*

¶ 488. Christian Baptism is a sacrament, or ordinance, signifying acceptance of the benefits of the atonement of Jesus Christ.

It is to be administered by ministers to believers, as declarative of their faith in Him as their Savior, and full purpose of obedience in Holiness and Righteousness.

Baptism, being the symbol of the New Testament, young children may be baptized, upon request of parents or guardians, who shall give assurance for them of necessary Christian training.

Baptism may be administered by sprinkling, pouring, or immersion, according to the choice of the applicant.

In case a Pastor, when requested to administer baptism in a mode which he deems unscriptural, has conscientious scruples against so administering the ordinance, he shall not be required to do so; but he shall see that the candidate for baptism shall be baptized in the mode desired by the applicant.

XVI. *The Lord's Supper*

¶ 489. The Memorial and Communion Supper instituted by our Lord and Savior is essentially a New Testament ordinance. It is declarative of His sacrificial death, through the merits of which we, as believers, have life and salvation, and promise of all spiritual blessings in Christ.

It is distinctively for those who are prepared for reverent appreciation of its significance, and by it they show forth the Lord's death till He come again. Being the Communion feast, only those who have faith in Christ and love for the saints should be called to participate therein.

Of the obligation to partake of the privileges of this Sacrament as often as we may be providentially permitted, there can be no doubt.

XVII. *The General Church*

¶ 490. The Church of God is composed of all spiritually regenerate persons, whose names are written in heaven.

XVIII. *The Churches Severally*

¶ 491. The churches severally are to be composed of such regenerate persons as by providential permission, and by the leadings of the Holy Spirit become associated together for holy fellowship and ministries.

XIX. *Church of the Nazarene*

¶ 492. We seek holy Christian fellowship, the conver-

sion of sinners, the entire sanctification of believers, and their upbuilding in holiness, together with the preaching of the Gospel to every creature. We also seek the simplicity and pentecostal power manifest in the primitive New Testament Church.

XX. *Agreed Statement of Belief*

¶ 493. Recognizing that the right and privilege of persons to church membership rest upon the fact of their being regenerate, we would require only such avowals of belief as are essential to Christian experience. Whatever is thus essential lies at the very basis of their association and fellowship in the Church, and there can be no failure to believe this without forfeiting Christian life itself, and thus the right of all Church affiliation. That which is not essential to life in Christ Jesus may be left to individual liberty.

We, therefore, deem belief in the following brief statements to be sufficient:

§ 1. In one God — the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

§ 2. In the Divine inspiration of the Old and New Testament Scriptures, and that they contain all truth necessary to faith and Christian living.

§ 3. That man is born with a fallen nature, and is, therefore, inclined to evil, and that continually.

§ 4. That the finally impenitent are hopelessly and eternally lost.

§ 5. That the atonement through Christ is for the whole human race; and that whosoever repents and believes on the Lord Jesus Christ is justified and regenerated and saved from the dominion of sin.

§ 6. That believers are to be sanctified wholly, subsequent to conversion, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

§ 7. That the Holy Spirit bears witness to the new birth, and also to the entire sanctification of believers.

§ 8. In the return of our Lord, the resurrection of the dead, and in the final judgment.

Division II. General Rules

¶ 494. To be identified with the visible Church is the blessed privilege and sacred duty of all who are saved from their sins, and are seeking completeness in Christ Jesus. It is required of all who desire to unite with the Church of the Nazarene, and thus to walk in fellowship with us, that they shall show evidence of salvation from their sins by a godly walk and vital piety; that they shall earnestly desire to be cleansed from all inbred sin; and that they shall evidence this —

¶ 495. By avoiding evil of every kind, such as:

§ 1. Taking the name of God in vain.

§ 2. The profaning of the Lord's Day, either by unnecessary labor, or business, or patronage or reading of secular papers, or by holiday diversions.

§ 3. The use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, or trafficking therein. The giving influence to, or voting for, the licensing of places for the sale of same. The use of tobacco in any of its forms, or the trafficking therein.

§ 4. Quarreling, returning evil for evil, gossiping, slandering, spreading surmises injurious to the good name of others.

§ 5. Dishonesty, taking advantage in buying and selling, bearing false witness, and like works of darkness.

§ 6. The indulgence of pride in dress or behavior. Our people are to dress with the Christian simplicity that becometh holiness. "In like manner also that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety: not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; but (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works" (1 Timothy 2: 9, 10). "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit,

which is in the sight of God of great price" (1 Peter 3:3,4).

§ 7. Such songs, literature, and entertainments as are not to the glory of God; the theater, the ballroom, the circus, and like places; also, lotteries and games of chance; looseness and impropriety of conduct; membership in or fellowship with oathbound, secret orders or fraternities. "Know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God" (James 4:4). "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? . . . Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you" (2 Corinthians 6:14,17).

¶ 496. By doing that which is enjoined in the Word of God, which is both our rule of faith and practice, such as:

§ 1. Being courteous to all men.

§ 2. Contributing to the support of the Ministry and the Church and its work, according to the ability which God giveth.

§ 3. Being helpful to those who are of the household of faith, in love forbearing one another.

§ 4. Loving God with all the heart, soul, mind, and strength.

§ 5. Attending faithfully all the ordinances of God, and the means of grace, such as, the public worship of God, the ministry of the Word, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper; searching the Scriptures and meditating therein; family and private devotions.

§ 6. Seeking to do good to the bodies and souls of men; feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and ministering to the needy, as opportunity and ability are given.

§ 7. Pressing upon the attention of the unsaved the

claims of the Gospel, inviting them to the house of the Lord, and trying to compass their salvation.

¶ 497. It is expected of those who remain with us that they be in hearty fellowship, not inveighing against our doctrines and usages, but being in full sympathy and conformity therewith.

The Minister

¶ 498. The perpetuity and the efficiency of the Church of the Nazarene, as an evangelizing agency, largely, if not wholly, depends upon the spiritual qualifications, the character, and the manner of life of its Ministry.

¶ 499. The minister of Christ is to be in all things a pattern to the flock — in diligence, earnestness, discretion, and punctuality. "By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by love unfeigned, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left."

¶ 500. A minister of the Gospel in the Church of the Nazarene, must know that he has peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, and that he is sanctified wholly by the baptism with the Holy Spirit. He must have a deep sense of the fact that souls for whom Christ died are perishing and that he is called of God to proclaim to them the glad tidings of salvation. For our Lord "called to him whom he would," and chose and ordained His twelve apostles "that they might be with him and that he might send them forth to preach," so He doth still call and send forth messengers of the Gospel. The Church illuminated by the Holy Spirit, will recognize the Spirit's call.

¶ 501. A minister must have gifts as well as grace for the work. There will be a thirst for knowledge, especially for the Word of God. There will be sound judgment and good understanding. There will be clear views concerning the plan of redemption and salvation as revealed in the Scriptures. He will have a degree of unctuous utterance that will bring about the conversion of sinners and cause

the saints to be edified. He must be an example of prayer.

¶ 502. When the Church discovers the divine call, the proper steps should be taken for its recognition and endorsement, and all suitable help should be given to open the way into the ministry.

Division III. Articles of Organization and Government

Chapter I. Local Churches and District Assemblies

Article I. *Form of Government, and Local Churches*

¶ 503. The Church of the Nazarene has a representative form of government, as a result of the basis of union adopted at Brooklyn, New York, in April, 1907. In that basis of union it was stated:

> We are agreed on the necessity of a superintendency, which shall foster and care for churches already established, and whose duty it shall be to organize and encourage the organizing of churches everywhere.
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> We are agreed that authority given to superintendents shall not interfere with the independent action of a fully organized church, each church enjoying the right of selecting its own pastor, subject to such approval as the General Assembly shall find wise to institute; the election of delegates to the various Assemblies; the management of their own finances; and of all other things pertaining to their local life and work.

This basis of union is hereby made an integral part of this Constitution, and shall never be changed without consent of the agreeing parties.

The membership of a local church shall consist of all who have been organized as a church by those authorized so to do and who have been publicly received by those having proper authority, after having declared their experience of salvation, their belief in our doctrines and their willingness to submit to our government.

Art. II. *District Assemblies*

¶ 504. The General Assembly shall organize the mem-

bership of the Church into District Assemblies, giving such lay representation therein as the General Assembly may deem fair and just, and shall determine qualifications of such membership; *provided*, however, that all Elders in good standing shall be members thereof. The General Assembly shall also fix the boundaries of Assembly Districts, shall define the powers and duties of District Assemblies, and prescribe the work and business to be done thereby.

Chapter II. The General Assembly

Article I. *Its Composition, Quorum, and Times of Meeting*

¶ 505. The General Assembly shall be composed of ministerial and lay delegates in equal numbers, elected thereto by the District Assemblies of the Church; of the General Superintendents; the General Secretary; the General Treasurer; and such representatives of the Missionary Districts of the Church as the General Assembly may see fit to prescribe. It shall meet every four years, and two-thirds of all members thereof shall constitute a quorum, *provided* that a smaller number of members may adjourn from time to time until a quorum is obtained

Art. II. *Election of Delegates*

¶ 506. Every District Assembly shall elect by ballot at its session immediately preceding the meeting of the General Assembly, an equal number of ministerial and lay delegates to that body, the ministerial delegates being Elders of the Church. Each Assembly District shall be entitled to at least one ministerial and one lay delegate, and such additional delegates as its membership may warrant on the basis of representation fixed by the General Assembly.

Art. III. *Credentials*

¶ 507. The Secretaries of the several District Assemblies shall furnish certificates of election to the delegates severally elected to the General Assembly, and shall also

send a certificate of such election to the General Secretary of the Church.

Art. IV. *Extra Sessions*

¶ 508. The Board of General Superintendents, or a majority thereof, by and with the advice of two-thirds of all the District Assemblies, shall have power to call an extra session of the General Assembly in case of an emergency, and to fix the time and place thereof, with the concurrence of a commission elected by that body at its last preceding session.

Art. V. *General Superintendents*

¶ 509. The General Assembly shall elect by ballot from among the Elders of the Church as many General Superintendents as it may deem necessary, who shall hold office for four years, and who shall constitute the Board of General Superintendents. Any vacancy in the General Superintendency in the interim of General Assemblies shall be filled by a majority vote of all the District Superintendents of the Church.

Art. VI. *Presiding Officers*

¶ 510. The General Superintendents shall preside at the General Assembly in such order as they may determine; but, if no General Superintendent be present, the General Assembly shall elect one of its members as a temporary presiding officer. The presiding officer of the General Assembly shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the General Assembly; but questions of law shall be decided by the General Assembly.

Art. VII. *Rules of Order*

¶ 511. The General Assembly shall adopt Rules of Order covering its manner of organization, procedure, committees, and all other matters pertaining to the orderly conduct of its business. It shall be the judge of the election, returns, and qualifications of its own members.

ART. VIII. *General Court of Appeals*

¶ 512. The General Assembly shall elect a General Court of Appeals, and define its jurisdiction and powers. Every decision of such Court shall be in writing.

ART. IX. *Powers and Restrictions*

¶ 513. The power and authority of the General Assembly to legislate for the Church, and to make such rules and regulations for all the departments thereof as it may deem best, is limited only by the following restrictions:

§ 1. It shall not set aside or change any of our Articles of Faith, nor shall it establish any new doctrinal rules or standards contrary to the standards or rules of doctrine which now exist in our Church. It shall not revoke or change any of the General Rules.

§ 2. The General Assembly shall not abolish or impair the effectiveness of our representative form of government, or of the general superintendency or district superintendency, as established in our Church. Nor shall it revoke the provisions of our law with reference to Advisory Boards. After the General Assembly convenes, no person shall be seated in the General Assembly as a member, who has not been duly elected as a delegate or alternate by a recognized District of the Church of the Nazarene, Missionary Districts excepted.

§ 3. The General Assembly shall not deprive the local churches of the right to call their pastors.

§ 4. The General Assembly shall not deprive our Ministers or laymen of the right to a fair and orderly trial, or of an appeal in case of conviction.

ART. X. *Unification or Correlation of General Boards*

¶ 514. The General Assembly may at any time adopt such measures as it deems wise for the unification, simplification, amplification, or correlation of the present General Boards of our Church.

ART. XI. *Amendments*

¶ 515. The provisions of this Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of all the members of the General Assembly, concurred in by a two-thirds vote of all the members of not less than two-thirds of all the District Assemblies of the Church. Either the General Assembly or District Assemblies may take the initiative in the matter of proposing such alterations or amendments. As soon as such alterations or amendments shall have been adopted as hereinbefore provided, the result of the vote shall be announced by the General Superintendents, whereupon such alterations or amendments shall have full force and effect.

CHAPTER V

¶ 516. RULES OF ORDER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RULE 1. *When the General Assembly shall have been convened* in accordance with the provisions of the Manual, after the devotional services, the call of the Roll shall be made by the General Secretary in the following manner:

(*a*) The names of General Superintendents who have died during the quadrennium, and the names of delegates-elect who have died since election.

(*b*) The names of General Superintendents, Missionary Superintendents, other general officers, and representatives of General Boards.

(*c*) The roll of members by Districts. Whenever a District is called, the chairman of the delegation shall report the absence of any delegate. If no absentee is announced, the Secretary shall record all delegates of that District present.

(*d*) If a quorum is present, the Assembly shall proceed to organize by the election of such assistant secretaries,

upon the nomination of the General Secretary, as may be necessary, and the appointment of sergeant-at-arms and his assistants, pages, reporters, postmaster, *et cetera.*

RULE 2. *The regular Order of Business* shall be:

(1) *Devotional services.*

(2) *Calling Roll* (for four days only).

(3) *Reading of the Journal* of the preceding session, and action thereon.

(4) *Call of Assemblies* in alphabetical order for presentation of appeals, resolutions, and miscellaneous business for immediate consideration.

(5) *Reports from commissions, boards, and connectional officers* (for six days only, Sundays excepted).

(6) *Reports from standing committees.*

(7) *Reports from special committees.*

(8) *Calendar.*

(9) *Miscellaneous business.*

RULE 3. *After the opening session,* the General Assembly shall meet at 9:00 o'clock a.m. and adjourn at 12 o'clock m. But the General Assembly at its discretion may alter the time of meeting, and may adjourn, and fix the time to which it shall adjourn.

RULE 4. *The President shall take the chair* precisely at the time to which the General Assembly stood adjourned, and cause the session to be opened by the reading of the Scriptures, singing, and prayer. On the appearance of a quorum he shall have the Journal of the preceding session read and approved, and see that the business of the Assembly proceed regularly, according to the Rules of Order, and such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the General Assembly.

RULE 5. *The President shall decide all questions of order,* subject to an appeal to the General Assembly. In case of such appeal, the question shall be taken without debate, except that the President may state the grounds of his de-

cision, and the appellant may state the grounds of his appeal.

RULE 6. *The President shall appoint all committees,* unless otherwise especially ordered by the General Assembly.

RULE 7. *On assigning the floor* to a member, the President shall distinctly announce the name of the delegate and of the District Assembly which he represents.

RULE 8. *No member shall absent himself* from the sessions of the General Assembly without leave, unless he be unable to attend.

DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS

RULE 9. *When a member is about to speak* in debate, or to deliver any matter to the General Assembly, he shall rise and respectfully address the President; but he shall not proceed until recognized by him. The member must address the Chair from his place, stating his name and District, if called for.

RULE 10. *No member shall be interrupted* when speaking, except by the President to call him to order when he departs from the question or uses personalities or disrespectful language; but any member may call the attention of the President to the subject, when he deems a speaker out of order; and any member may explain when he thinks himself misrepresented.

RULE 11. *When a member desires to speak to a question of privilege,* he shall briefly state the question; but it shall not be in order for him to proceed until the President shall have decided that it is a privileged question. Questions of privilege are limited to matters relating to the rights and welfare of the individual as a member of the whole body; and must be of such an imperative character, as to justify the interruption of the regular order.

It shall be the imperative duty of the President to require those who desire to speak to a question of privilege to state his question of privilege. This having been done, the Presi

dent shall decide whether it shall be allowed; and, if allowed, he shall hold the member closely to the subject.

RULE 12. *No person shall speak more than once* on the same question, until every member who chooses to speak shall have spoken; nor shall any member speak more than twice on the same question, nor more than ten minutes at one time, without leave of the General Assembly; *provided,* however, that a committee making a report through its chairman, shall be entitled to ten minutes to close the debate, either to oppose the motion to lay the report on the table, or, his permission not having been used, to close the debate on the motion to adopt. The committee shall not be deprived of its right to close the debate, even after the previous question has been ordered; and when a report consisting of two or more propositions has a separate consideration, the chairman or representative of the committee shall be entitled to the same rights and privileges on each proposition thus decided separately as he would have had if the report had been considered as a unit. A similar privilege is granted to the chairman in charge of minority reports.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

RULE 13. *Resolutions shall be written and presented in duplicate by the movers.* A motion shall be reduced to writing, if the President, the Secretary, or a member requests it.

RULE 14. *Reading.* All written motions, reports, and communications to the General Assembly shall be passed to the Secretary to be read by him to the General Assembly.

RULE 15. *When a motion is made and seconded,* or a resolution introduced and read by the Secretary, or stated by the President, it shall be deemed in possession of the General Assembly.

RULE 16. *The following motions shall be taken without debate:*

(1) To adjourn.
(2) To suspend the rules.
(3) To lay on the table.
(4) To take from the table.
(5) To call for the previous question.
(6) To refer.

RULE 17. *Only one amendment to an amendment* shall be in order; but then it shall be in order to move a substitute for the main question, and one amendment to the substitute, and if the substitute is accepted, it shall replace the original proposition.

RULE 18. *It shall be in order to move the previous question* — that is, that the question be taken without further debate — on any measure pending, except in cases where moral character is involved. If the call for the previous question be sustained by vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting, the pending question shall be put and then all other questions in their regular order; *nevertheless,* under this rule, after the previous question has been ordered, it shall be in order to divide, or to move to refer, or recommit, or to lay on the table. It shall not be in order for a member to move the previous question or to lay on the table at the close of a speech in which he has discussed the pending question.

RULE 19. *When a vote is about to be taken,* any member shall have a right to call for a division of the question, if it be divisible into distinct propositions.

RULE 20. *A motion to adjourn* shall be taken without debate, and shall always be in order, *except* —

(1) When a member has the floor.

(2) When a question is actually put, or a vote is being taken, or, until finally decided.

(3) When a question is pending on sustaining the demand for the previous question.

(4) When the previous question has been called and sustained, and action under it is pending.

(5) When a vote to adjourn has been negatived, and no business or debate has intervened.

(6) When a motion to fix the time to which the General Assembly shall adjourn is pending.

RULE 21. *Reconsideration.* When any motion or resolution shall have been acted upon by the General Assembly, it shall be in order for any member who voted with the prevailing side to move a reconsideration; *provided,* that a motion to reconsider a nondebatable motion shall be decided without debate.

RULE 22. *Manual.* All propositions for changes in the Church Manual must be presented in writing, and shall be referred to the appropriate Committee, who shall have full authority to consider propositions, and shall report to the General Assembly their recommendations, and upon demand of any member of the Committee must report action on any matter referred to it. The General Assembly, after acting upon such recommendations, shall transmit them to the Committee on Revision so that they may be harmonized with each other by the Committee on Revision.

VOTING

RULE 23. *Every member* who is within the Bar at the time a question is put shall vote, unless for special reasons excused by the General Assembly. A member who is not within the Bar at a time when the question shall be put by the President, shall not be allowed to vote, except by permission of the General Assembly, when such member has been necessarily absent.

RULE 24. *Voting shall be by the uplifted hand,* but when a count vote is necessary, the members rising in their places and standing until they are counted. Votes may also be taken by ballot, and by *ayes* and *noes.*

RULE 25. *Ayes and Noes.* It shall be in order for any member to call for the *Ayes* and *Noes* on any question before the General Assembly; and if the call be sustained by one-third of the members present and voting, the vote there-

on shall be so taken. If the call be not sustained, members voting in the minority may have their votes recorded.

RULE 26. *Order of Voting.* In voting when there is a substitute, and amendments have been proposed to the original resolution, and an amendment to the substitute has been moved, the General Assembly shall observe the following order, namely: The main question shall first be perfected by voting on the amendment proposed thereon; and then the General Assembly shall vote upon the amendment to the substitute; then upon the question of substitution, and finally upon the question of adoption.

MEMORIALS, RESOLUTIONS, AND PAPERS FOR UNANNOUNCED REFERENCE

RULE 27. *Memorials.* Three copies of memorials, resolutions, and miscellaneous papers presented for reference to a committee, and not for immediate consideration, shall be placed in the hands of the Secretary without announcement.

RULE 28. *Members presenting such memorials,* petitions, and other papers for reference shall present the papers in triplicate, typewritten on uniform paper furnished by the General Assembly, and upon the back of each paper so presented shall appear the following items:

(1) Name of member presenting the paper.
(2) District Assembly to which he belongs.
(3) Assembly, member, or church from which the paper comes.
(4) First name on the petition.
(5) Number of petitioners.
(6) Subject to which it relates.
(7) Committee to which it is desired to have it referred.

RULE 29. *Each proposed amendment to the Manual,* and each memorial, petition, resolution, or other paper for reference, shall be written on a separate sheet.

RULE 30. *Memorials, resolutions, and other papers* thus presented shall be *delivered directly to the General Secre-*

tary, in triplicate, and by him sent to the Committee on Reference. (See Rule 37.)

Rule 31. *Memorials, petitions,* etc., for reference to committees may be mailed to the General Secretary at any time previous to the convening of the General Assembly

Rule 32. *There shall be eighteen standing committees* as follows:

(1) Judiciary.
(2) Revision.
(3) Superintendency.
(4) Pastoral Arrangements.
(5) Publishing Interests.
(6) Foreign Missions.
(7) Sunday Schools.
(8) Temporal Economy.
(9) Home Missions and Evangelism.
(10) Church Extension.
(11) Education.
(12) Ministerial Relief.
(13) Young People's Societies.
(14) State of the Church and Public Morals.
(15) Boundaries.
(16) Deaconess Work.
(17) Social Welfare and Orphanage Work.
(18) Editing.

Rule 33. *Special Committees.* The General Assembly shall elect the following special committees: Public Worship, Credentials, Nominations, Resolutions, Memoirs, and Fraternal Introductions and Correspondence. Also such other special committees as may be determined from time to time.

Rule 34. *The Committees on Judiciary, Revision, Reference, and Editing* shall meet at such times as they may elect, or the General Assembly determine.

Rule 35. *The other Standing Committees* shall be di-

vided into three groups, namely, Group I, meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; Group II, meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday; Group III, meeting according to the Assembly program, as follows:

Group I —
Superintendency.
Pastoral Arrangements.
Publishing Interests.
Foreign Missions.
Sunday Schools.
Temporal Economy.

Group II —
Home Missions and Evangelism.
Church Extension.
Education.
Ministerial Relief.
Young People's Societies.
State of the Church and Public Morals.

Group III —
Boundaries.
Deaconess Work.
Social Welfare and Orphanage Work.

RULE 36. *Assignment to Standing Committees.* As soon as feasible after the election of delegates, the District Secretary shall assemble the ministerial and lay delegates for organization. They shall elect a chairman and a secretary. They shall make assignments to Standing Committees as follows:

§ 1. *The Committee on Judiciary* shall consist of one representative from each regularly organized District, and one representative from the General Board of Foreign Missions to represent all the foreign mission Districts. Said members to be elected by the delegates of the respective Districts and the representative from the General Board of Foreign Missions to be elected by said Board. This

Committee shall meet as they may elect, or as may be ordered by the General Assembly.

§ 2. *The Committee on Revision* shall be constituted as follows: Two representatives from each District, having four or less delegates to be elected by the delegates from their respective Districts, and one representative from the General Board of Foreign Missions, said members to be elected by the delegates of the respective Districts, and the representative from the General Board of Foreign Missions to be elected by said Board; further, each delegation shall have the right to appoint one additional member for each five additional delegates. This Committee shall meet as they may elect, or as may be ordered by the General Assembly.

§ 3. *To other Standing Committees* each delegation of four members shall have the right to appoint one member for each Standing Committee, and one additional member for each five additional delegates; *provided*, the Committee on Editing shall consist of five members and be appointed by the General Superintendents.

The chairman of the delegation shall immediately forward to the General Secretary the names of the delegates of his District, arranged alphabetically, indicating the order to which each belongs (ministerial or lay), and the Standing Committees to which each has been assigned. From these returns the General Secretary shall arrange as far as possible, the roll of Standing Committees in advance of the opening of the General Assembly.

The General Superintendents shall be *ex-officio* members of all Standing Committees.

RULE 37. *Reference of memorials, petitions, appeals, and other documents* properly referable to Committees of the General Assembly.

§ 1. *The Committee on Reference* shall be composed of the General Secretary and two ministerial and two lay delegates who shall be appointed by the General Secretary, of

which Committee the General Secretary shall be secretary.

(1) *The Committee on Reference,* as soon as appointed, shall elect a chairman from its number, and the secretary may appoint an assistant secretary to assist him in keeping the records of this committee, which records shall be a part of the General Assembly Journal. To this committee shall be referred all memorials, petitions, appeals, and other documents, not otherwise provided for, presented to and requiring action of the General Assembly.

(2) *The Committee on Reference* shall number consecutively its references to the several Committees, and shall publish in a bulletin the number, title, and committee reference of all documents during the preceding day.

(3) *The Committee on Reference* shall as expeditiously as possible refer all memorials, petitions, appeals, and other documents referable to the Committees provided by the Rules of Order and to such other Committees as may be created by the General Assembly. Reference of all said memorials, petitions, etc., shall be by title of the Committees, and hereafter particularly specified.

§ 2. The following special references shall be made:

(1) *To the Committee on Judiciary* shall be referred all appeals from decisions of law, and other questions referred to it by the General Assembly.

(2) *To the Committee on Revision,* all memorials, petitions, and other documents relating to doctrine, polity, correlation of general interests, and judicial administration.

This committee shall particularly consider the full agreement with our polity, and the general harmony with each other, of all recommendations from other committees relating to the revision of the Manual.

(3) *To the Committee on Superintendency,* all memorials, petitions, and other documents relating to the General and Missionary Superintendency.

(4) *To the Committee on Pastoral Arrangements,* all memorials, petitions, and other documents relating to the

pastorate, District Superintendency, Ministry, and church membership; and also the District Assembly Minutes.

(5) *To the Committee on Publishing Interests,* all memorials, petitions, and other documents relating to the General Board of Publication, and Publishing House, and the *Herald of Holiness,* publishing interests, and colportage work.

(6) *To the Committee on Foreign Missions,* all memorials, petitions, and other documents relating to the General Board of Foreign Missions, the Woman's Missionary Society, and all other matters relating to foreign mission work as defined in the Manual.

(7) *To the Committee on Sunday Schools,* all memorials, petitions, and other documents relating to Sunday schools, Sunday school literature, and all other matters affecting our Sunday school work.

(8) *To the Committee on Temporal Economy,* all memorials, petitions, and other documents relating to the organization, business, and administration of the local church, District Assemblies, and the General Assembly. Also all matters relating to ratio of representation, property, finance, and other temporal matters, including statistical reports.

(9) *To the Committee on Home Missions and Evangelism,* all memorials, petitions, and other documents relating to the General Board of Home Missions and Evangelism, the Home Missionary Society, and all other matters relating to home missions and evangelism.

(10) *To the Committee on Church Extension,* all memorials, petitions, and other documents relating to the General Board of Church Extension, church building, loans on church property, fire insurance, and all matters relating to acquiring, leasing, building, and financing church and parsonage projects.

(11) *To the Committee on Education,* all memorials, petitions, and other documents relating to the General Board of Education, to our schools, colleges, and universities,

courses of study and Boards of Examination, and all questions affecting the educational interests of the Church.

(12) *To the Committee on Ministerial Relief,* all memorials, petitions, and other documents relating to the General Board of Ministerial Relief, and to the care and support of retired and disabled ministers, the widows and orphans of deceased ministers, and all other matters affecting ministerial relief work. To the committee also shall be referred all memorials, petitions, and other documents relating to the General Board of Mutual Benefit, the Mutual Benefit Society, and all matters affecting the work of mutual benefit and related subjects for both ministers and laymen.

(13) *To the Committee on Young People's Societies,* all memorials, petitions, and other documents relating to the Young People's Society and its organization, literature, extension, and conservation, and all matters of allied interest.

(14) *To the Committee on State of the Church and Public Morals,* all memorials, petitions, and other documents relating to social service, labor, Sabbath observance, divorce, amusements, and the social and spiritual welfare of the church. Also all matters relating to temperance, prohibition, habit-forming drugs, social evil, and questions on the attitude of the Church towards public morals.

(15) *To the Committee on Boundaries,* all memorials, petitions, and other documents relating to Assembly District boundaries, and all District, regional, or territorial divisions.

(16) *To the Committee on Deaconess Work,* all memorials, petitions, and other documents relating to deaconess work.

(17) *To the Committee on Social Welfare and Orphanage Work,* all memorials, petitions, and other documents relating to the General Board of Social Welfare, rescue homes, and all matters affecting social welfare and rescue work. Also, all memorials, petitions, and other documents relating to the General Orphanage Board, orphanages, and

all other matters affecting orphanage work, except such as shall be properly referable to the Committee on Ministerial Relief.

(18) *To the Editing Committee* shall be sent all committee reports for final editing and verbal revision only as they finally pass the General Assembly.

To this committee may be sent any resolutions or reports for more careful and exact statement.

§ 3. *The Committee on Reference* shall also refer all memorials, petitions, and other documents not definitely assigned by this rule to such committees as in its judgment the same shall seem to belong, giving due consideration to the subject-matter thereof.

COMMITTEE RULES

RULE 38. *A Business Quorum* of a Standing Committee shall be a majority of all the members of the committee.

RULE 39. *Committees shall not originate business*, but shall consider all subjects referred to them by the General Assembly.

RULE 40. *A Committee shall not consider a matter* which the General Assembly has refused to refer to it.

RULE 41. *All Committees shall report* upon all matters referred to them.

RULE 42. *There shall not be reported* as coming from a committee any matters which have not been considered and acted upon by the committee duly assembled.

RULE 43. *Committee reports recommending concurrence in proposed legislation* shall give chapter, section, and paragraph to be affected, and the language as it will read when adopted, and shall be placed on the Calendar in order of their being presented, subject to consideration during or after the next daily session.

RULE 44. *Reports of Standing Committees*, signed by the chairman and secretary, and minority reports signed by at least two members, shall be considered to be in possession of the Assembly, when they shall have been presented.

But for a minority report of the Committee on Judiciary one signature shall be sufficient.

Rule 45. *When the chairman of a committee shall not be in harmony with a report* ordered by a committee, it shall be his duty to state the fact to the committee, and the committee shall elect one of its members to represent it in the presentation and discussion of the report in the General Assembly; but if in such a case the committee fail to select such a representative, the chairman shall designate a member to represent the action of the committee, and said representative shall have all the rights and privileges of the chairman in relation to such report.

Rule 46. *The person designated to present the minority report* shall have all the privileges in reference to the minority report that are given to the chairman in reference to the majority report; *except,* that the chairman presenting the majority report shall have the right of closing the debate on the question of substituting the minority report for the majority report.

Rule 47. *The General Secretary shall keep a chronological record* of orders of the day, of reports of committees, under Rule 43, and of reports placed on the record by vote. This record shall be called the Calendar, and the matters of business placed on it shall be considered in order, unless by two-thirds vote an item be taken up out of its order.

Rule 48. *Committee reports shall be presented* to the General Assembly in triplicate, upon paper bearing at the top the name of the committee, the total membership of the committee, the number present at time the report was adopted, the number voting for the report, and the number voting against the report. When two or more persons shall disagree with the majority report they may submit with the majority report a minority report bearing their signatures. But in a minority report from the Committee on Judiciary one signature shall be sufficient.

MISCELLANEOUS

RULE 49. *Demonstration of approval or disapproval* during the progress of debate shall be deemed a breach of order.

RULE 50. *No persons, except members, ushers and pages* may stand in the open spaces in the room.

RULE 51. *The ushers shall keep the aisles clear* for their proper use, and none but delegates shall be admitted within the enclosure reserved for the delegates.

RULE 52. *In all matters not specified* herein the proceedings of the General Assembly shall be governed by common Parliamentary Law.

RULE 53. *The Rules may be suspended or amended* by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting.

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